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(57) Abstract

The present invention provides isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding wheat starch synthases, and probes and primers derived therefrom, which are useful in the modificaiton of plant starch content and/or composition, and for screening plant lines to determine the presence of natural and/or induced mutations in starch synthase genes which affect starch content and/or composition. More particularly, the isolated nucleic acid molecules of the present invention further provide for the screening–assisted breeding of plants having desirable starch content and/or composition, in addition to providing for the direct genetic manipulation of plant starch content and/or composition.

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NOVEL GENES ENCODING WHEAT STARCH SYNTHASES AND USES THEREFOR

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding wheat starch synthase enzymes and more particularly, to isolated nucleic acid molecules that encode wheat SSII and SSIII enzyme activities. The isolated nucleic acid molecules provide the means for modifying starch content and composition in plants, for example the ratio of amylose:amylopectin in the starch granule of the endosperm during the grain-filling phase of endosperm development. The isolated nucleic acid molecules of the present invention also provide the means for screening plant lines to determine the presence of natural and/or induced mutations in starch synthase genes which affect starch content and/or composition. The isolated nucleic acid molecules of the present invention further provide for the screening-assisted breeding of plants having desirable starch content and/or composition, in addition to providing for the direct genetic manipulation of plant starch content and/or composition.

GENERAL

Bibliographic details of the publications numerically referred to in this specification are collected at the end of the description. Reference herein to any published document is not to be taken as an indication or admission that any such published document is part of the common general knowledge or background information of a skilled worker in the relevant field.

This specification contains nucleotide and amino acid sequence information (SEQ ID NOS:) prepared using the programme PatentIn Version 2.0, presented herein at the end of the specification. Each nucleotide or amino acid sequence is identified in the sequence listing by the numeric indicator <210> followed by the sequence identifier (e.g. <210>1, <210>2, etc). The length, type of sequence (DNA, protein (PRT), etc) and source organism for each nucleotide or amino acid sequence are indicated by information provided in the numeric indicator fields <211>, <212> and <213>,

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The designation of nucleotide residues referred to herein are those recommended by the IUPAC-IUB Biochemical Nomenclature Commission, wherein A represents Adenine, C represents Cytosine, G represents Guanine, T represents thymine, Y represents a pyrimidine residue, R represents a purine residue, M represents Adenine or Cytosine, K represents Guanine or Thymine, S represents Guanine or Cytosine, W represents Adenine or Thymine, H represents a nucleotide other than Guanine, B represents a nucleotide other than Adenine, V represents a nucleotide other than Thymine, D represents a nucleotide other than Cytosine and N represents any nucleotide residue.

The designations for naturally-occurring amino acid residues referred to herein are set forth in Table I. The designations for a non-limiting set of non-naturally-occurring amino acids is listed in Table 2.

As used herein the term "derived from" shall be taken to indicate that a specified integer may be obtained from a particular source albeit not necessarily directly from that source.

Throughout this specification, unless the context requires otherwise, the word "comprise", or variations such as "comprises" or "comprising", will be understood to imply the inclusion of a stated step or element or integer or group of steps or elements or integers but not the exclusion of any other step or element or integer or group of steps or elements or integers.

TABLE 1

Amino Acid	Three-letter Code	One-letter Code
Alanine	Ala	A
Arginine	Arg	R
Asparagine	Asn	N
Aspartic acid	Asp	D
Cysteine	Cys	C
Glutamine	Gln	Q
Glutamic acid	Glu	E
Glycine	Gly	G
Histidine	His	H
Isoleucine	Ile	I
Leucine	Leu	L
Lysine	Lys	K
Methionine	Met	M
Phenylalanine	Phe	F
Proline	Pro	P
Serine	Ser	S
Threonine	Thr	T
Tryptophan	Trp	W
Tyrosine	Tyr	Y
Valine	Val	V
Aspartate/glutamate	Baa	B
Asparagine/glutamine		
Any amino acid as above	Xaa	X

TABLE 2

Non-conventional amino acid	Code	Non-conventional amino acid	Code
α-aminobutyric acid	Abu	L-N-methylalanine	Nmala
α-amino-α-methylbutyrate	Mgabu	L-N-methylarginine	Nmarg
aminocyclopropane-carboxylate	Cpro	L-N-methylasparagine	Nmasn
		L-N-methylaspartic acid	Nmasp
aminoisobutyric acid	Aib	L-N-methylcysteine	Nmcys
aminonorbornyl-carboxylate	Norb	L-N-methylglutamine	Nmgln
		L-N-methylglutamic acid	Nmglu
cyclohexylalanine	Chexa	L-N-methylhistidine	Nmhis
cyclopentylalanine	Cpen	L-N-methylisolleucine	Nmile
D-alanine	Dal	L-N-methylleucine	Nmleu
D-arginine	Darg	L-N-methyllysine	Nmlys
D-aspartic acid	Dasp	L-N-methylmethionine	Nmmet
D-cysteine	Dcys	L-N-methylnorleucine	Nmnle
D-glutamine	Dgln	L-N-methylnorvaline	Nmnva
D-glutamic acid	Dglu	L-N-methylornithine	Nmorn
D-histidine	Dhis	L-N-methylphenylalanine	Nmphe
D-isoleucine	Dile	L-N-methylproline	Nmpro
D-leucine	Dleu	L-N-methylserine	Nmser
D-lysine	Dlys	L-N-methylthreonine	Nmthr
D-methionine	Dmet	L-N-methyltryptophan	Nmtrp
D-ornithine	Dorn	L-N-methyltyrosine	Nmtyr
D-phenylalanine	Dphe	L-N-methylvaline	Nmval
D-proline	Dpro	L-N-methylethylglycine	Nmetg
D-serine	Dser	L-N-methyl-t-butylglycine	Nmtbug
D-threonine	Dthr	L-norleucine	Nle
D-tryptophan	Dtrp	L-norvaline	Nva

D-tyrosine	Dtyr	α-methyl-aminoisobutyrate	Maib
D-valine	Dval	α-methyl-γ-aminobutyrate	Mgabu
D-α-methylalanine	Dmala	α-methylcyclohexylalanine	Mchexa
D-α-methylarginine	Dmarg	α-methylcylcopentylalanine	Mcpen
D-α-methylasparagine	Dmasn	α-methyl-α-napthylalanine	Manap
D-α-methylaspartate	Dmasp	α-methylpenicillamine	Mpen
D-α-methylcysteine	Dmcys	N-(4-aminobutyl)glycine	Nglu
D-α-methylglutamine	Dmgln	N-(2-aminoethyl)glycine	Naeg
D-α-methylhistidine	Dmhis	N-(3-aminopropyl)glycine	Norn
D-α-methylisoleucine	Dmile	N-amino-α-methylbutyrate	Nmaabu
D-α-methylleucine	Dmleu	α-napthylalanine	Anap
D-α-methyllysine	Dmlys	N-benzylglycine	Nphe
D-α-methylmethionine	Dmmet	N-(2-carbamylethyl)glycine	Ngln
D-α-methylornithine	Dmorn	N-(carbamylmethyl)glycine	Nasn
D-α-methylphenylalanine	Dmphe	N-(2-carboxyethyl)glycine	Nglu
D-α-methylproline	Dmpro	N-(carboxymethyl)glycine	Nasp
D-α-methylserine	Dmser	N-cyclobutylglycine	Ncbut
D-α-methylthreonine	Dmthr	N-cycloheptylglycine	Nchep
D-α-methyltryptophan	Dmtrp	N-cyclohexylglycine	Nchex
D-α-methyltyrosine	Dmty	N-cyclodecylglycine	Ncdec
D-α-methylvaline	Dmval	N-cylcododecylglycine	Ncdod
D-N-methylalanine	Dnmala	N-cyclooctylglycine	Ncoct
D-N-methylarginine	Dnmarg	N-cyclopropylglycine	Ncpro
D-N-methylasparagine	Dnmasn	N-cycloundecylglycine	Ncund
D-N-methylaspartate	Dnmasp	N-(2,2-diphenylethyl) glycine	Nbhm
D-N-methylcysteine	Dnmcys	N-(3,3-diphenylpropyl) glycine	Nbhe

D-N-methylglutamine	Dnmgln	N-(3-guanidinopropyl) glycine	Narg
D-N-methylglutamate	Dnmglu	N-(1-hydroxyethyl)glycine	Nthr
D-N-methylhistidine	Dnmhis	N-(hydroxyethyl))glycine	Nser
D-N-methylisoleucine	Dnmile	N-(imidazolylethyl)) glycine	Nhis
D-N-methylleucine	Dnmleu	N-(3-indolylyethyl) glycine	Nhtrp
D-N-methyllysine	Dnmlys	N-methyl-γ-aminobutyrate	Nmgabu
N-methylcyclohexylalanine	Nmchexa	D-N-methylmethionine	Dnmmet
D-N-methylornithine	Dnmorn	N-methylcyclopentylalanine	Nmcpen
N-methylglycine	Nala	D-N-methylphenylalanine	Dnmphe
N-methylaminoisobutyrate	Nmaib	D-N-methylproline	Dnmpro
N-(1-methylpropyl)glycine	Nile	D-N-methylserine	Dnmser
N-(2-methylpropyl)glycine	Nleu	D-N-methylthreonine	Dnmthr
D-N-methyltryptophan	Dnmtrp	N-(1-methylethyl)glycine	Nval
D-N-methyltyrosine	Dnmtyr	N-methyla-napthylalanine	Nmanap
D-N-methylvaline	Dnmval	N-methylpenicillamine	Nmpen
γ-aminobutyric acid	Gabu	N-(*p*-hydroxyphenyl)glycine	Nhtyr
L-*t*-butylglycine	Tbug	N-(thiomethyl)glycine	Ncys
L-ethylglycine	Etg	penicillamine	Pen
L-homophenylalanine	Hphe	L-α-methylalanine	Mala
L-α-methylarginine	Marg	L-α-methylasparagine	Masn
L-α-methylaspartate	Masp	L-α-methyl-*t*-butylglycine	Mtbug
L-α-methylcysteine	Mcys	L-methylethylglycine	Metg
L-α-methylglutamine	Mgln	L-α-methylglutamate	Mglu
L-α-methylhistidine	Mhis	L-α-methylhomo phenylalanine	Mhphe
L-α-methylisoleucine	Mile	N-(2-methylthioethyl) glycine	Nmet
L-α-methylleucine	Mleu	L-α-methyllysine	Mlys

L-α-methylmethionine	Mmet	L-α-methylnorleucine	Mnle
L-α-methylnorvaline	Mnva	L-α-methylornithine	Morn
L-α-methylphenylalanine	Mphe	L-α-methylproline	Mpro
L-α-methylserine	Mser	L-α-methylthreonine	Mthr
L-α-methyltryptophan	Mtrp	L-α-methyltyrosine	Mtyr
L-α-methylvaline	Mval	L-N-methylhomo phenylalanine	Nmhphe
N-(N-(2,2-diphenylethyl) carbamylmethyl)glycine	Nnbhm	N-(N-(3,3-diphenylpropyl) carbamylmethyl)glycine	Nnbhe
1-carboxy-1-(2,2-diphenyl-ethylamino)cyclopropane	Nmbc		

Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the invention described herein is susceptible to variations and modifications other than those specifically described. It is to be understood that the invention includes all such variations and modifications. The invention also includes all of the steps, features, compositions and compounds referred to or indicated in this specification, individually or collectively, and any and all combinations or any two or more of said steps or features.

The present invention is not to be limited in scope by the specific embodiments described herein, which are intended for the purposes of exemplification only. Functionally-equivalent products, compositions and methods are clearly within the scope of the invention, as described herein.

BACKGROUND TO THE INVENTION

The biosynthesis of the starch granule is a complex process which involves the action of an array of isoforms of enzymes involved in the starch biosynthesis. Following the formation of glucose-1-phosphate, the enzyme activities required for the synthesis of granular starch include ADP glucose pyrophosphorylase (EC 2.7.7.27), starch synthases (EC 2.4.1.21), branching enzymes (EC 2.4.1.18) and debranching enzymes

(EC 3.2.1.41 and EC 3.2.1.68) (Mouille *et al.*, 1996). Plants contain isozymes of each of these activities, and the definition of these isoforms and their roles has been conducted through investigation of the properties of the suite of soluble enzymes found in the stroma of the plastid, analysis of the proteins entrapped within the matrix of the starch granule, and mutational studies to identify genes and define linkages between individual genes and their specific roles.

Starch synthases extend regions of α-1,4 glucan through the transfer of the glucosyl moiety of ADPglucose to the non-reducing end of a pre-existing α-1,4 glucan. In addition to GBSS, 3 other classes of starch synthase have been identified in plants, SSI (wheat, Li *et al.*, 1999 and GenBank Accession No. U48227; rice, Baba *et al.*, 1993; potato, Genbank Accession No. STSTASYNT), SSII (pea, Dry *et al.* 1992; potato, Edwards *et al.*, 1995; maize, Harn *et al.* 1998 and GenBank Accession No. U66377) and SSIII (potato, Abel *et al.*, 1996; maize, Gao *et al.*, 1998). In the cereals, the most comprehensively studied species is maize, where in addition to GBSS, cDNAs encoding SSI, SSIIa, and SSIIb have been isolated, and both cDNA and genomic clones for *dull*1 have been characterised (Knight *et al.*, 1998; Harn *et al.*, 1998; Gao *et al.*, 1998). In maize, the product of the *du1* gene is known as maize SSII, however this gene is the homologue of potato SSIII.

The proteins within the matrix of the wheat starch granule have been extensively studied (Denyer *et al.*, 1995; Rahman *et al.*, 1995; Takaoka *et al.*, 1997; Yamamori and Endo, 1996) and 60, 75, 85, 100, 104 and 105 kDa protein bands can be visualised following SDS-PAGE. The predominant 60 kDa protein is exclusively granule-bound and is analogous to the "waxy" granule bound starch synthase (GBSS) gene in maize (Rahman *et al.*, 1995). The combination of three null alleles for this enzyme from each of the wheat genomes (Nakamura *et al.*, 1995) results in the amylose-free "waxy" phenotype found in other species The 75 kDa starch synthase I (wSSI) is found in both the granule and the soluble fraction of wheat endosperm (Denyer *et al.*, 1995; Li *et al.*, 1999) and has been assigned to chromosomes 7A, 7B and 7D (Yamamori and Endo, 1996; Li *et al.*, 1999). The 85 kDa band contains a

class II branching enzyme and an unidentified polypeptide (Rahman *et al.*, 1995). The 100, 104 and 105 kDa proteins of the wheat starch granule (designated Sgp-B1, Sgp-D1 and Sgp-A1 by Yamamori and Endo, 1996) have been shown to be encoded by a homeologous set of genes on the short arm of chromosome 7B, 7A and 7D respectively (Yamamori and Endo, 1996; Takaoka *et al.*, 1997). Denyer *et al.* (1995) concluded on the basis of enzyme activity assays that these proteins were also starch synthases. These genes are referred to hereinafter as the "wheat SSII genes".

While GBSS has been established to be essential for amylose synthesis, the remaining starch synthases are thought to be primarily responsible for the elongation of amylopectin chains, although this does not preclude them from also having non-essential roles in amylose biosynthesis. Differences in kinetic properties between isoforms, and the analysis of mutants lacking various isoforms, suggests that each isoenzyme contributes to the extension of specific subsets of the available non-reducing ends.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The production of plants that produce improved starches that are modified for particular end-use applications, such as, for example, starches having high or low amylose:amylopectin ratios, requires the availability of genes encoding the various starch synthase isoforms. Because of species-specific codon usages, and variations in the kinetic parameters of the starch synthase isoforms between species, the production of modified starches may require the use of genes derived from particular species.

Furthermore, the screening-assisted breeding of plants having desirable starch content and/or composition requires specific gene sequences to be provided that can be used to distinguish between different homeologous genes encoding the various isoforms of wheat starch synthases, such as, for example, to identify and distinguish between naturally-occurring variant gene sequences. It is a particular object of the present invention to provide gene sequences to facilitate the screening-assisted selection of

wheat plants having starch traits which are associated with the presence and/or expression of one or more wheat SSI and/or SSIII genes.

Accordingly, the present invention provides isolated nucleotide sequences encoding the wheat SSII (i.e. wSSII) and wheat SSIII (i.e. wSSIII) isoenzymes, and DNA markers derived therefrom. The present invention further facilitates the production of transformed plants carrying these nucleotide sequences.

More particularly, the present invention provides isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding the 100, 104 and 105 kDa SSII (Sgp-1) polypeptides of the wheat starch granule matrix, as determined using the SDS/PAGE system of Rahman *et al.* (1995), which polypeptides are equivalent to the 100, 108 and 115 kDa polypeptides described by Yamamori and Endo (1996).

The present invention further provides isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding the soluble *dull*1-type wheat starch synthase III polypeptide. Analysis of the polypeptides encoded by these nucleic acid molecules reveals several consensus amino acid sequence motifs that are highly conserved in wheat starch synthase isoenzymes, in addition to isoenzyme-specific sequences, which sequences possess utility in isolating related starch synthase-encoding sequences and in assaying plants for their expression of one or more starch synthase isoenzymes.

Accordingly, one aspect of the present invention provides an isolated nucleic acid molecule which comprises a sequence of nucleotides which encodes, or is complementary to a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a wheat starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme molecule or a functional subunit thereof selected from the following:

(i) a wheat starch synthase II (wSSII) polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises an amino acid sequence which is at least about 85% identical overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, or 6;

(ii) a wheat starch synthase III (wSSIII) polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises an amino acid sequence which is at least about 85% identical overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 8 or 10;

(iii) a wheat starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises a conserved amino acid sequence having at least 25% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KVGGLGDVVTS (SEQ ID NO: 39);

(b) GHTVEVILPKY (SEQ ID NO: 40);

(c) HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY (SEQ ID NO: 41);

(d) GILNGIDPDIWDPYTD (SEQ ID NO: 42);

(e) DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG (SEQ ID NO: 43);

(f) NGQVVLLGSA (SEQ ID NO: 44);

(g)AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLTQLVAMRYGS (SEQ ID NO: 45); and

(h)TGGLVDTV (SEQ ID NO: 46);

wherein said wheat starch synthase polypeptide further comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 85% identity overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10; and

(iv) a wheat starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises a conserved amino acid sequence having at least 25% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KTGGLGDVAGA (SEQ ID NO: 47);

(b) GHRVMVVVPRY (SEQ ID NO: 48);

(c) NDWHTALLPVYLKAYY (SEQ ID NO: 49);

(d) GIVNGIDNMEWNPEVD (SEQ ID NO: 50);

(e) DVPLLGFIGRLDGQKG (SEQ ID NO: 51);

(f) DVQLVMLGTG (SEQ ID NO: 52);

(g)AGADALLMPSRF(E/V)PCGLNQLYAMAYGT (SEQ ID NO: 53); and

(h)VGG(V/L)RDTV (SEQ ID NO: 54);

wherein said wheat starch synthase polypeptide further comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 85% identity overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10.

In a preferred embodiment, the isolated nucleic acid molecule encodes a starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme having at least about 90% amino acid sequence identity to any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10, more preferably having at least about 95% or about 97% or about 99% identity to any one of said amino acid sequences.

In an alternative embodiment, the isolated nucleic acid molecule of the present invention encodes a wheat starch synthase polypeptide which comprises one or more amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of:

(a) GHTVEVILPKY;
(b) HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY;
(c) DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG;
(d) NGQVVLLGSA;
(e)AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLTQLVAMRYGS;
(f)TGGLVDTV;
(g) GIVNGIDNMEWNPEVD; and
(h) AGADALLMPSRF(E/V)PCGLNQLYAMAYGT.

in an alternative embodiment, the present invention provides an isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a wheat starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme molecule or a functional subunit thereof, wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence having at least about 85% nucleotide sequence identity to any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37 or 38 or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto.

In a preferred embodiment, the isolated nucleic acid molecule comprises the nucleotide sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37 or 38,

or is at least about 90% identical, more preferably at least about 95% or 97% or 99% identical to all or a protein-encoding part thereof.

In an alternative embodiment, the present invention provides an isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a wheat starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme molecule or a functional subunit thereof, wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence that is capable of hybridising under at least moderate stringency hybridisation conditions to at least about 30 contiguous nucleotides derived from any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37 or 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto.

A second aspect of the present invention provides a method of isolating a nucleic acid molecule that encodes a starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme described *supra,* said method comprising:

(i) hybridising a probe or primer comprising at least about 15 contiguous nucleotides in length derived from any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37 or 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto to single-stranded or double-stranded mRNA, cDNA or genomic DNA; and

(ii) detecting the hybridised mRNA, cDNA or genomic DNA using a detecting means.

Preferably, the detecting means is a reporter molecule covalently attached to the probe or primer molecule or alternatively, a polymerase chain reaction format. Accordingly, the present invention clearly extends to the use of the nucleic acid molecules provided herein to isolate related starch synthase-encoding sequences using standard hybridisation and/or polymerase chain reaction techniques.

A third aspect of the invention provides an isolated probe or primer comprising at least about 15 contiguous nucleotides in length derived from any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37 or 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto.

Preferably, the probe or primer comprises a nucleotide sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 25 to 34.

A fourth aspect of the present invention is directed to an isolated or recombinant starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme, preferably substantially free of conspecific or non-specific proteins, which comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the following:

(i) a wheat starch synthase II (wSSII) polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises an amino acid sequence which is at least about 85% identical overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, or 6;

(ii) a wheat starch synthase III (wSSIII) polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises an amino acid sequence which is at least about 85% identical overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 8 or 10;

(iii) a wheat starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises a conserved amino acid sequence having at least 25% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KVGGLGDVVTS;

(b) GHTVEVILPKY;

(c) HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY;

(d) GILNGIDPDIWDPYTD;

(e) DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG;

(f) NGQVVLLGSA;

(g)AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLTQLVAMRYGS; and

(h)TGGLVDTV

wherein said wheat starch synthase polypeptide further comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 85% identity overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10; and

(iv) a wheat starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional

subunit thereof which comprises a conserved amino acid sequence having at least 25% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KTGGLGDVAGA;

(b) GHRVMVVVPRY;

(c) NDWHTALLPVYLKAYY;

(d) GIVNGIDNMEWNPEVD;

(e) DVPLLGFIGRLDGQKG;

(f) DVQLVMLGTG;

(g)AGADALLMPSRF(E/V)PCGLNQLYAMAYGT; and

(h)VGG(V/L)RDTV

wherein said wheat starch synthase polypeptide further comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 85% identity overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10.

The present invention clearly encompasses the mature protein region of a wheat starch synthase polypeptide which is obtained by removal of the N-terminal transit peptide sequence.

A further aspect of the invention provides a method of assaying for the presence or absence of a starch synthase isoenzyme or the copy number of a gene encoding same in a plant, comprising contacting a biological sample derived from said plant with an isolated nucleic acid molecule derived from any one of SEQ ID NOS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37 or 38, or any one of SEQ ID NOS: 25 to 34, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto for a time and under conditions sufficient for hybridisation to occur and then detecting said hybridisation using a detection means.

The detection means according to this aspect of the invention is any nucleic acid based hybridisation or amplification reaction.

A further aspect of the present invention utilises the above-mentioned assay method

in the breeding and/or selection of plants which express or do not express particular starch synthase isoenzymes or alternatively, which express a particular starch synthase isoenzyme at a particular level in one or more plant tissues. This aspect clearly extends to the selection of transformed plant material which contains one or more of the isolated nucleic acid molecules of the present invention.

A further aspect of the present invention provides a method of modifying the starch content and/or starch composition of one or more tissues or organs of a plant, comprising expressing therein a sense molecule, antisense molecule, ribozyme molecule, co-suppression molecule, or gene-targeting molecule having at least about 85% nucleotide sequence identity to any one of any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37 or 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto for a time and under conditions sufficient for the enzyme activity of one or more starch synthase isoenzymes to be modified. This aspect of the invention clearly extends to the introduction of the sense molecule, antisense molecule, ribozyme molecule, co-suppression molecule, or gene-targeting molecule to isolated plant cells, tissues or organs or organelles by cell fusion or transgenic means and the regeneration of intact plants therefrom.

A further aspect of the present invention provides an isolated promoter that is operable in the endosperm of a monocotyledonous plant cell, tissue or organ, and preferably in the endosperm of a monocotyledonous plant cell, tissue or organ. For example, the HMG promoter from wheat, or the maize zein gene promoter are particularly preferred, as is the promoter derived from a starch synthase gene of the present invention, such as a promoter that is linked *in vivo* to any one of SEQ ID NOS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37 or 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto.

A still further aspect of the present invention contemplates a transgenic plant comprising an introduced sense molecule, antisense molecule, ribozyme molecule, co-suppression molecule, or gene-targeting molecule having at least about 85% nucleotide sequence identity to any one of any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16,

37 or 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto or a genetic construct comprising same, and to plant propagules, cells, tissues, organs or plant parts derived from said transgenic plant that also carry the introduced molecule(s).

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a copy of a photographic representation showing the distribution of wheat endosperm starch synthases between the starch granule and soluble fractions. Lane 1, SDS-PAGE of wheat endosperm starch granule proteins revealed by silver staining; lanes 2-7, immunoblot of wheat endosperm soluble phase and starch granule proteins separated by SDS-PAGE from various developmental stages and probed with an anti-(wheat wSSII peptide) monoclonal antibody. Lanes 2-4 contain proteins from the soluble fraction of wheat endosperm at 15 days post anthesis (Lane 2); 20 days post anthesis (Lane 3); and at 25 days post anthesis (Lane 4). Lanes 5-7 contain proteins from the starch granule of wheat endosperm at 15 days post anthesis (Lane 5); 20 days post anthesis (Lane 6); and at 25 days post anthesis (Lane 7).

Figure 2 is a copy of a schematic representation comparing the nucleotide sequences of cDNA clones designated wSSIIA, wSSIIB and wSSIID, encoding the starch synthase II polypeptides from wheat, using the PILEUP programme of Devereaux *et al.* (1984).

Figure 3 is a copy of a schematic representation comparing the deduced amino acid sequences of starch synthase II from wheat (wSSIIA, wSSIIB and wSSIID), maize (maize SSIIa and maize SSIIb; Harn *et al.*, 1998), pea (pea SSII; Dry et al ., 1992) and potato (potato SSII; van der Leij *et al.*, 1991). Identical amino acid residues among each of these sequences are indicated below the sequences with "*". The alignments of maize SSIIa with maize SSIIb, and pea SSII and potato SSII are essentially as described in Harn *et al.* (1998) and Edwards *et al.* (1995). All sequences are aligned to position the transit peptide cleavage site below the arrow (⇓) between residues 59 and 60 of the wSSIIA sequence. The wSSIIp1 sequence, the sequence of SGP-B1 (peptide3), and of eight conserved regions are annotated and underlined.

Figure 4 is a copy of a photographic representation of a northern blot showing the expression of wheat wSSII mRNA in wheat plants. Total RNAs were isolated from leaves pre-anthesis florets and endosperm of the wheat cultivar "Gabo", grown under a photoperiod comprising 16 hours daylength, and at 18 °C during the day, and at 13 °C during the night cycle, and probed with the wSSIIp2 DNA fragment. The source of each RNA is indicated at the top of the Figure as follows: Lane 1, leaf; Lane 2, pre-anthesis florets; Lanes 3-11, endosperm at: 4 days post-anthesis (Lane 3); 6 days post-anthesis (Lane 4); 8 days post-anthesis (Lane 5); 10 days post-anthesis (Lane 6);12 days post-anthesis (Lane 7); 15 days post-anthesis (Lane 8); 18 days post-anthesis (Lane 9); 21 days post-anthesis (Lane 10); and 25 days post-anthesis (Lane 11).

Figure 5 is a copy of a photographic representation showing the localization of wheat starch synthase II genes on the wheat genome by PCR, using the primers sslIc, sslId and sslIe in the amplification reaction. The nullisomic-tetrasomic genomic DNA of wheat cv. Chinese Spring was used as template DNA. Lane D, *Triticum tauschii*; Lane AB, Accession line N7DT7B having no 7D chromosome and four copies of the 7B chromosome; Lane AD, Accession line N7BT7A having no 7B chromosome and four copies of the 7A chromosome; Lane BD, Accession line N7AT7B having no 7A chromosome and four copies of the 7B chromosome; Lane ABD, wheat cv. Chinese Spring. PCR products derived from each cDNA clone are labelled. The results indicate that the cDNA clones, wSSIIB, wSSIIA and wSSIID are derived from the B-, A- and D-genomes of wheat, respectively.

Figure 6 is a schematic representation showing the organisation of introns (lines) and exons (boxes) in the wheat SSII gene shown in SEQ ID NO: 37. The scale (bases), relative to the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 37, is provided at the bottom of the figure.

Figure 7 is a schematic representation comparing the deduced amino acid Sequences of the maize, potato and wheat SSIII polypeptides.

Figure 8 is a copy of a photographic representation showing the expression of wheat wSSIII mRNA in wheat. Total RNAs were isolated from the endosperm of the wheat cultivars Wyuna (Panel a) and Gabo (Panel b) leaves pre-anthesis florets and endosperm of the wheat cultivar "Gabo", grown under a photoperiod comprising 16 hours daylength, and at 18 °C during the day cycle, and at 13 °C during the night cycle, and probed with the wSSIIIp1 DNA fragment derived from wSSIII.B3 cDNA. The source of each RNA is indicated at the top of the Figure as follows: Lane 1, endosperm at: 4 days post-anthesis; Lane 2, endosperm at 6 days post-anthesis; Lane 4, endosperm at 8 days post-anthesis; Lane 4, endosperm at 10 days post-anthesis; Lane 5, endosperm at 12 days post-anthesis; Lane 6, endosperm at 15 days post-anthesis; Lane 7, endosperm at 18 days post-anthesis; Lane 8, endosperm at 21 days post-anthesis; Lane 9, endosperm at 25 days post-anthesis; and Lane 10, endosperm at 31 days post-anthesis (Panel a only). In panel (c), L refers to leaf RNA, and P refers to RNA from pre-anthesis florets derived from the cultivar Gabo.

Figure 9 is a schematic representation showing the position of conserved amino acid sequences within four wheat starch synthase proteins. The eight highly-conserved regions between the wheat starch synthase polypeptides are underlined and annotated at the top of each group of amino acid sequences. The sequences included in the alignment are the wheat SSII-A1 and wheat SSIII polypeptides of the present invention; wheat GBSS (wGBSS; Yan *et al.*, 1999); wheat SSI (wSS1; Li *et al.*, 1999); wheat SSII (wSS2; SEQ ID NO: 4); and wheat SSIII (wSS3; SEQ ID NO: 8).

Figure 10 is a schematic representation showing the relationships between the primary amino acid sequences of starch synthases (SS) and glycogen synthase of *E. coli* (GS). The dendrogram was generated by the program PILEUP (Devereaux *et al.*, 1984). The amino acid sequences used for the analysis are those of the wheat SSIIA, wheat SSIIB, wheat SSIID, and wheat SSIII polypeptides of the present invention compared to the deduced amino acid sequences of wheat GBSS (Clark *et al.*, 1991), wheat SSI (Li *et al.*, 1999), rice GBSS (Okagaki, 1992), rice SSI (Baba *et al.*, 1993), maize GBSS (Kloesgen *et al.*, 1986), maize SSI (Knight *et al.*, 1998), maize SSIIa and

maize SSIIb (Harn *et al.*, 1998), maize SSIII (Gao *et al.*, 1998), pea GBSS (Dry *et al.*, 1992), pea SSII (Dry *et al.*, 1992), potato GBSS (van der Leij *et al.*, 1991), potato SSI (Genbank accession number: STSTASYNT), potato SSII (Edwards *et al.*, 1995), potato SSIII (Abel *et al.*, 1996), and *E. coli* glycogen synthase (GS) (Kumar *et al.*, 1986). Five groups of enzymes included in the alignment are granule-bound starch synthase (GBSS), starch synthase-I (SSI), starch synthase-II (SSII), starch synthase-III (SSIII) and glycogen synthase (GS).

Figure 11 is a schematic representation showing the position of conserved regions within cereal starch synthase genes. Comparisons of cereal starch synthases were made based on their deduced amino acid sequences and 8 conserved regions identified. Conserved regions are shown in bold and transit peptides (where defined) in grey. The sequences included in the alignment are the wheat SSII-A1 and wheat SSIII polypeptides of the present invention; wheat GBSS (Ainsworth *et al.*, 1993); wheat SSI (Li *et al.*, 1999); maize SSIIa (Harn *et al.*, 1998); and maize dull-1(Gao *et al.*, 1998).

Figure 12 is a copy of a schematic representation of a gene map showing the alignment of fragments 1 to 6 of the genomic SSIII gene (lower line) with the corresponding SSIII cDNA clone (upper line). Raised regions in the genomic clone fragments (lower line) represent protein-encoding regions of the gene.

Figure 13 is a schematic representation showing the organisation of introns (lines) and exons (boxes) in the wheat SSIII gene shown in SEQ ID NO: 38. The scale (bases), relative to the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 38, is provided at the bottom of the figure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

One aspect of the present invention provides an isolated nucleic acid molecule which comprises a sequence of nucleotides which encodes, or is complementary to a nucleic

acid molecule which encodes a wheat starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme molecule or a functional subunit thereof selected from the following:

(i) a wheat starch synthase II (wSSII) polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, or 6; and

(ii) a wheat starch synthase III (wSSIII) polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 8 or 10.

Alternatively or in addition, the isolated nucleic acid molecule of the present invention encodes a wheat starch synthase II (wSSII) polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof and comprises a nucleotide sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, or 37.

Alternatively or in addition, the isolated nucleic acid molecule of the present invention encodes a wheat starch synthase III (wSSIII) polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof and comprises a nucleotide sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 7, 9, or 38.

As used herein, the term "starch synthase" shall be taken to refer to any enzymatically-active peptide, polypeptide, oligopeptide, polypeptide, protein or enzyme molecule that is at least capable of transferring a glucosyl moiety from ADP-glucose to an α-1,4-glucan molecule, or a peptide, polypeptide, oligopeptide or polypeptide fragment of such an enzymatically-active molecule.

The term "wheat starch synthase" refers to a starch synthase derived from hexaploid wheat or barley or a progenitor species, or a relative thereto such as the diploid *Triticum tauschii* or other diploid, tetraploid, aneuploid, polyploid, nullisomic, or a wheat/barley addition line, amongst others, the only requirement that the genomic DNA is at least about 80% identical to the genome of a wheat plant as determined by standard DNA melting curve analyses.

The term "starch synthase II" or "wSSII" or similar term shall be taken to refer to a starch synthase as hereinbefore defined that is detectable in the starch granule of a plant seed endosperm and possesses one or more properties selected from the group consisting of:

(i) it is immunologically cross-reactive with the wheat starch granule proteins designated Sgp-B1 and/or Sgp-D1 and/or Sgp-A1, having estimated molecular weights of about 85 kDa to about 115 kDa;

(ii) it is encoded by one of a homeologous set of genes localised on wheat chromosomes 7B or 7A or 7D;

(iii) it is encoded by a nucleotide sequence that comprises at least about 15 nucleotides in length derived from any one or more of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, or 37 or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto;

(iv) it is encoded by a nucleotide sequence that is at least about 85% identical to one or more of the nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, or 37, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto;

(v) it comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 85% identity to one or more of SEQ ID NOS: 2 or 4 or 6;

(vi) it comprises at least about 5 contiguous amino acids, preferably at least about 10 contiguous amino acids, more preferably at least about 15 contiguous amino acids, even more preferably at least about 20 contiguous amino acids and still even more preferably at least about 25-50 contiguous amino acids of the amino acid sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOS: 2 or 4 or 6;

(vii) it which comprises a conserved amino acid sequence having at least 25% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KVGGLGDVVTS;

(b) GHTVEVILPKY;

(c) HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY;

(d) GILNGIDPDIWDPYTD;

(e) DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG;

(f) NGQVVLLGSA;

(g)AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLTQLVAMRYGS; and

(h)TGGLVDTV,

in addition to any one or more of (i) to (vi); and

(viii) it which comprises a conserved amino acid sequence having at least 25% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KTGGLGDVAGA;

(b) GHRVMVVVPRY;

(c) NDWHTALLPVYLKAYY;

(d) GIVNGIDNMEWNPEVD;

(e) DVPLLGFIGRLDGQKG;

(f) DVQLVMLGTG;

(g)AGADALLMPSRF(E/V)PCGLNQLYAMAYGT; and

(h)VGG(V/L)RDTV,

in addition to any one or more of (i) to (vi).

The term "starch synthase III" or "wSSIII" or similar term shall be taken to refer to a starch synthase as hereinbefore defined that possesses one or more properties selected from the group consisting of:

(i) it is encoded by a nucleotide sequence that comprises at least about 15 nucleotides in length derived from any one or more of SEQ ID NOS: 7, 9, 11-16, or 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto;

(ii) it is encoded by a nucleotide sequence that is at least about 85% identical to one or more of the nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOS: 7, 9, 11-16, or 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto; and

(iii) it comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 85% identity to one or more of SEQ ID NOS: 8 or 10;

(iv) it comprises at least about 5 contiguous amino acids, preferably at least about 10 contiguous amino acids, more preferably at least about 15 contiguous amino acids, even more preferably at least about 20 contiguous amino acids and still even more preferably at least about 25-50 contiguous amino acids of the amino acid sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOS: 8 or 10;

(v) which comprises a conserved amino acid sequence having at least 25%

identity to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KVGGLGDVVTS;

(b) GHTVEVILPKY;

(c) HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY;

(d) GILNGIDPDIWDPYTD;

(e) DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG;

(f) NGQVVLLGSA;

(g)AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLTQLVAMRYGS; and

(h)TGGLVDTV

in addition to any one or more of (i) to (iv); and

(vi) it which comprises a conserved amino acid sequence having at least 25% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KTGGLGDVAGA;

(b) GHRVMVVVPRY;

(c) NDWHTALLPVYLKAYY;

(d) GIVNGIDNMEWNPEVD;

(e) DVPLLGFIGRLDGQKG;

(f) DVQLVMLGTG;

(g)AGADALLMPSRF(E/V)PCGLNQLYAMAYGT; and

(h)VGG(V/L)RDTV,

in addition to any one or more of (i) to (iv).

In a more preferred embodiment, the WSSII or WSSIII polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid molecule of the present invention will comprise a substantial contiguous region of any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10 or 17 sufficient to possess the biological activity of a starch synthase polypeptide.

For the purposes of nomenclature, the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 relates to the cDNA molecule encoding the WSSII (i.e. Sgp-B1) polypeptide of wheat. The amino acid sequence of the corresponding polypeptide is set forth herein as SEQ ID NO:2. The nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3 relates to the

cDNA molecule encoding the WSSII (i.e. Sgp-A1) polypeptide of wheat. The amino acid sequence of the corresponding polypeptide is set forth herein as SEQ ID NO:4. The nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5 relates to the cDNA molecule encoding the WSSII (i.e. Sgp-D1) polypeptide of wheat. The amino acid sequence of the corresponding polypeptide is set forth herein as SEQ ID NO:6. The nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOs: 7 and 9 relate, respectively, to full-length and partial cDNA molecules encoding the WSSIII polypeptide of wheat. The amino acid sequences of the corresponding polypeptides are set forth herein as SEQ ID NOS: 8 and 10, respectively. The nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOs: 11 to 16 relates to fragments of the genomic gene encoding the WSSIII polypeptide of wheat, significant protein-encoding regions of which are described by reference to Table 4 and Figure 11. The nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 37 relates to the WSSII genomic gene of *Triticum tauschii*, corresponding to the WSSII gene of the D-genome of wheat, which encodes the WSSIII polypeptide. The nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 38 relates to the wheat WSSIII genomic gene.

Preferably, the isolated nucleic acid molecule of the present invention comprises a sequence of nucleotides which encodes, or is complementary to a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a wheat starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme molecule or a functional subunit thereof which comprises an amino acid sequence which is at least about 85% identical overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, 6, 8, or 10 and more preferably, which additionally comprises which comprises one or more amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KVGGLGDVVTS;

(b) GHTVEVILPKY;

(c) HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY;

(d) GILNGIDPDIWDPYTD;

(e) DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG;

(f) NGQVVLLGSA;

(g)AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLTQLVAMRYGS;

(h)TGGLVDTV;
(i) KTGGLGDVAGA;
(j) GHRVMVVVPRY;
(k) NDWHTALLPVYLKAYY;
(l) GIVNGIDNMEWNPEVD;
(m) DVPLLGFIGRLDGQKG;
(n) DVQLVMLGTG;
(o)AGADALLMPSRF(E/V)PCGLNQLYAMAYGT; and
(p)VGG(V/L)RDTV.

The present invention clearly extends to homologues, analogues and derivatives of the wheat starch synthase II and III genes exemplified by the nucleotide sequences set forth herein as SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37 or 38.

Preferred starch synthase genes may be derived from a naturally-occurring starch synthase gene by standard recombinant techniques. Generally, a starch synthase gene may be subjected to mutagenesis to produce single or multiple nucleotide substitutions, deletions and/or additions. Nucleotide insertional derivatives of the starch synthase gene of the present invention include 5′ and 3′ terminal fusions as well as intra-sequence insertions of single or multiple nucleotides. Insertional nucleotide sequence variants are those in which one or more nucleotides are introduced into a predetermined site in the nucleotide sequence although random insertion is also possible with suitable screening of the resulting product. Deletional variants are characterised by the removal of one or more nucleotides from the sequence. Substitutional nucleotide variants are those in which at least one nucleotide in the sequence has been removed and a different nucleotide inserted in its place. Such a substitution may be "silent" in that the substitution does not change the amino acid defined by the codon. Alternatively, substituents are designed to alter one amino acid for another similar acting amino acid, or amino acid of like charge, polarity, or hydrophobicity.

For the present purpose, "homologues" of a nucleotide sequence shall be taken to

refer to an isolated nucleic acid molecule which is substantially the same as the nucleic acid molecule of the present invention or its complementary nucleotide sequence, notwithstanding the occurrence within said sequence, of one or more nucleotide substitutions, insertions, deletions, or rearrangements.

"Analogues" of a nucleotide sequence set forth herein shall be taken to refer to an isolated nucleic acid molecule which is substantially the same as a nucleic acid molecule of the present invention or its complementary nucleotide sequence, notwithstanding the occurrence of any non-nucleotide constituents not normally present in said isolated nucleic acid molecule, for example carbohydrates, radiochemicals including radionucleotides, reporter molecules such as, but not limited to DIG, alkaline phosphatase or horseradish peroxidase, amongst others.

"Derivatives" of a nucleotide sequence set forth herein shall be taken to refer to any isolated nucleic acid molecule which contains significant sequence similarity to said sequence or a part thereof. Generally, the nucleotide sequence of the present invention may be subjected to mutagenesis to produce single or multiple nucleotide substitutions, deletions and/or insertions. Nucleotide insertional derivatives of the nucleotide sequence of the present invention include 5′ and 3′ terminal fusions as well as intra-sequence insertions of single or multiple nucleotides or nucleotide analogues. Insertional nucleotide sequence variants are those in which one or more nucleotides or nucleotide analogues are introduced into a predetermined site in the nucleotide sequence of said sequence, although random insertion is also possible with suitable screening of the resulting product being performed. Deletional variants are characterised by the removal of one or more nucleotides from the nucleotide sequence. Substitutional nucleotide variants are those in which at least one nucleotide in the sequence has been removed and a different nucleotide or nucleotide analogue inserted in its place.

The present invention extends to the isolated nucleic acid molecule when integrated into the genome of a cell as an addition to the endogenous cellular complement of starch synthase genes, irrespective of whether or not the introduced nucleotide

sequence is translatable or non-translatable to produce a polypeptide. The present invention clearly contemplates the introduction of additional copies of starch synthase genes into plants, particularly wheat plants, in the antisense orientation to reduce the expression of particular wheat starch synthase genes. As will be known to those skilled in the art, such antisense genes are non-translatable, notwithstanding that they can be expressed to produce antisense mRNA molecules.

The said integrated nucleic acid molecule may, or may not, contain promoter sequences to regulate expression of the subject genetic sequence.

Accordingly, the present invention clearly encompasses preferred homologues, analogues and derivatives that comprise a sequence of nucleotides which encodes, or is complementary to a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a wheat starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme molecule or a functional subunit thereof selected from the following:

(i) a wheat starch synthase II (wSSII) polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises an amino acid sequence which is at least about 85% identical overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, or 6;

(ii) a wheat starch synthase III (wSSIII) polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises an amino acid sequence which is at least about 85% identical overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 8 or 10;

(iii) a wheat starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises a conserved amino acid sequence having at least 25% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KVGGLGDVVTS;

(b) GHTVEVILPKY;

(c) HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY;

(d) GILNGIDPDIWDPYTD;

(e) DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG;

(f) NGQVVLLGSA;

(g)AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLTQLVAMRYGS; and

(h)TGGLVDTV

and wherein said wheat starch synthase polypeptide further comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 85% identity overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10; and

(iv) a wheat starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises a conserved amino acid sequence having at least 25% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KTGGLGDVAGA;

(b) GHRVMVVVPRY;

(c) NDWHTALLPVYLKAYY;

(d) GIVNGIDNMEWNPEVD;

(e) DVPLLGFIGRLDGQKG;

(f) DVQLVMLGTG;

(g)AGADALLMPSRF(E/V)PCGLNQLYAMAYGT; and

(h)VGG(V/L)RDTV,

and wherein said wheat starch synthase polypeptide further comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 85% identity overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10.

Preferably, the isolated nucleic acid molecule encodes a starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme that comprises two, more preferably three, more preferably four, more preferably five, more preferably six, more preferably seven and even more preferably eight of the conserved amino acid motifs listed *supra*. Even more preferably, the said amino acid motifs are located in a relative configuration such as that shown for the wheat SSII or wheat SSIII polypeptides described herein.

In a preferred embodiment, the isolated nucleic acid molecule encodes a starch

synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme having at least about 90% amino acid sequence identity to any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10, more preferably having at least about 95% or about 97% or about 99% identity to any one of said amino acid sequences.

In an alternative embodiment, the present invention provides an isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a wheat starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme molecule or a functional subunit thereof, wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence having at least about 85% nucleotide sequence identity to any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37, or 38, or a degenerate nucleotide sequence thereto or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto.

By "degenerate nucleotide sequence" is meant a nucleotide sequence that encodes a substantially identical amino acid sequence as a stated nucleotide sequence.

In a preferred embodiment, the isolated nucleic acid molecule comprises the nucleotide sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37, or 38, or is at least about 90% identical, more preferably at least about 95% or 97% or 99% identical to all or a protein-encoding part thereof.

In an alternative embodiment, preferred homologues, analogues and derivatives of the nucleic acid molecule of the present invention encodes a wheat starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme molecule or a functional subunit thereof and comprises a nucleotide sequence that is capable of hybridising under at least moderate stringency hybridisation conditions to at least about 30 contiguous nucleotides derived from any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37, or 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto.

For the purposes of defining the level of stringency, a low stringency is defined herein as being a hybridisation and/or a wash carried out in 6xSSC buffer, 0.1% (w/v) SDS at 28°C. Generally, the stringency is increased by reducing the concentration of SSC

buffer, and/or increasing the concentration of SDS and/or increasing the temperature of the hybridisation and/or wash. A moderate stringency comprises a hybridisation and/or a wash carried out in 0.2 x SSC-2 x SSC buffer, 0.1% (w/v) SDS at 42°C to 65°C, while a high stringency comprises a hybridisation and/or a wash carried out in 0.1xSSC-0.2 x SSC buffer, 0.1% (w/v) SDS at a temperature of at least 55°C. Conditions for hybridisations and washes are well understood by one normally skilled in the art. For the purposes of further clarification only, reference to the parameters affecting hybridisation between nucleic acid molecules is found in pages 2.10.8 to 2.10.16. of Ausubel *et al.* (1987), which is herein incorporated by reference.

Those skilled in the art will be aware of procedures for the isolation of further wheat starch synthase genes to those specifically described herein or homologues, analogues or derivatives of said genes, for example further cDNA sequences and genomic gene equivalents, when provided with one or more of the nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37, or 38. In particular, amplifications and/or hybridisations may be performed using one or more nucleic acid primers or hybridisation probes comprising at least 10 contiguous nucleotides and preferably at least about 20 contiguous nucleotides or 50 contiguous nucleotides derived from the nucleotide sequences set forth herein, to isolate cDNA clones, mRNA molecules, genomic clones from a genomic library (in particular genomic clones containing the entire 5' upstream region of the gene including the promoter sequence, and the entire coding region and 3'-untranslated sequences), and/or synthetic oligonucleotide molecules, amongst others. The present invention clearly extends to such related sequences.

Accordingly, a second aspect of the present invention provides a method of isolating a nucleic acid molecule that encodes a starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme said method comprising:

(i) hybridising a probe or primer comprising at least about 15 contiguous nucleotides in length derived from any one of SEQ ID NOS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37, or 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto to single-stranded or double-stranded mRNA, cDNA or genomic DNA; and

(ii) detecting the hybridised mRNA, cDNA or genomic DNA using a detecting means.

Preferably, the detecting means is a reporter molecule covalently attached to the probe or primer molecule or alternatively, a polymerase chain reaction format.

An alternative method contemplated in the present invention involves hybridising two nucleic acid "primer molecules" to a nucleic acid "template molecule" which comprises a related starch synthase gene or related starch synthase genetic sequence or a functional part thereof, wherein the first of said primers comprises contiguous nucleotides derived from any one or more of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37, or 38, and the second of said primers comprises contiguous nucleotides complementary to any one or more of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37, or 38. Specific nucleic acid molecule copies of the template molecule are amplified enzymatically in a polymerase chain reaction, a technique that is well known to one skilled in the art.

In a preferred embodiment, each nucleic acid primer molecule is at least 10 nucleotides in length, more preferably at least 20 nucleotides in length, even more preferably at least 30 nucleotides in length, still more preferably at least 40 nucleotides in length and even still more preferably at least 50 nucleotides in length.

Furthermore, the nucleic acid primer molecules consists of a combination of any of the nucleotides adenine, cytidine, guanine, thymidine, or inosine, or functional analogues or derivatives thereof which are at least capable of being incorporated into a polynucleotide molecule without having an inhibitory effect on the hybridisation of said primer to the template molecule in the environment in which it is used.

Furthermore, one or both of the nucleic acid primer molecules may be contained in an aqueous mixture of other nucleic acid primer molecules, for example a mixture of degenerate primer sequences which vary from each other by one or more nucleotide substitutions or deletions. Alternatively, one or both of the nucleic acid primer molecules may be in a substantially pure form.

The nucleic acid template molecule may be in a recombinant form, in a virus particle, bacteriophage particle, yeast cell, animal cell, or a plant cell. Preferably, the nucleic acid template molecule is derived from a plant cell, tissue or organ, in particular a cell, tissue or organ derived from a wheat or barley plant or a progenitor species, or a relative thereto such as the diploid *Triticum tauschii* or other diploid, tetraploid, aneuploid, polyploid, nullisomic, or a wheat/barley addition line, amongst others.

Those skilled in the art will be aware that there are many known variations of the basic polymerase chain reaction procedure, which may be employed to isolate a related starch synthase gene or related starch synthase genetic sequence when provided with the nucleotide sequences set forth herein. Such variations are discussed, for example, in McPherson *et al* (1991). The present invention extends to the use of all such variations in the isolation of related starch synthase genes or related starch synthase genetic sequences using the nucleotide sequences embodied by the present invention.

As exemplified herein, the present inventors have isolated several wheat starch synthase genes using both hybridisation and polymerase chain reaction approaches, employing novel probes and primer sequences to do so.

Accordingly, a third aspect of the invention provides an isolated probe or primer comprising at least about 15 contiguous nucleotides in length derived from any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37, or 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto.

Preferably, the probe or primer comprises a nucleotide sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 25 to 34.

The isolated nucleic acid molecule of the present invention may be introduced into and expressed in any cell, for example a plant cell, fungal cell, insect cell. animal cell, yeast cell or bacterial cell. Those skilled in the art will be aware of any modifications which are required to the codon usage or promoter sequences or other regulatory

sequences, in order for expression to occur in such cells.

A further aspect of the invention provides a method of assaying for the presence or absence of a starch synthase isoenzyme or the copy number of a gene encoding same in a plant, comprising contacting a biological sample derived from said plant with an isolated nucleic acid molecule derived from any one of SEQ ID NOS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37, or 38, or any one of SEQ ID NOS: 25 to 34, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto for a time and under conditions sufficient for hybridisation to occur and then detecting said hybridisation using a detection means.

The detection means according to this aspect of the invention is any nucleic acid based hybridisation or amplification reaction.

The hexaploid nature of wheat prevents the straightforward identification of starch synthase allelic variants by hybridisation using the complete starch synthase-encoding sequence, because the similarities between the various alleles generally results in significant cross-hybridisation. Accordingly, sequence-specific hybridisation probes are required to distinguish between the various alleles. Similarly, wherein PCR is used to amplify specific allelic variants of a starch synthase gene, one or more sequence-specific amplification primers are generally required. As will be apparent from the amino acid sequence comparisons provided herein, such as in Figures 3 and 13, non-conserved regions of particular wheat starch synthase polypeptides are particularly useful for the design of probes and primers that are capable of distinguishing between one or more starch synthase polypeptide isoenzyme or allelic variant. The present invention clearly contemplates the design of such probes and primers based upon the sequence comparisons provided herein.

In the performance of this embodiment of the present invention, the present inventors particularly contemplate the identification of wheat starch synthase null alleles or alternatively, mutations wherein specific amino acids are inserted or deleted or substituted, compared to one or more of the wheat SSII or SSIII alleles disclosed

herein. Such null alleles and other allelic variants are readily identifiable using PCR screening which employs amplification primers based upon the nucleotide and amino acid sequences disclosed herein for SSII and/or SSIII. Once identified, the various mutations can be stacked or pyramided into one or more new wheat lines, such as by introgression and/or standard plant breeding and/or recombinant approaches (eg. transformation, transfection, etc) thereby producing a novel germplasm which exhibits altered starch properties compared to existing lines. DNA markers based upon the nucleotide and amino acid sequences disclosed herein for SSII and/or SSIII can be employed to monitor the stacking of genes into the new lines and to correlate the presence of particular genes with starch phenotypes of said lines.

In this regard, a significant advantage conferred by the present invention is the design of new DNA markers that reveal polymorphisms such as, for example, length polymorphisms, restriction site polymorphisms, and single nucleotide polymorphisms, amongst others, between wheat starch synthases and, in particular, between wheat GBSS and/or SSI and/or SSII and/or SSIII, or between allelic variants of one or more of said starch synthases, that can be used to identify the three genomes of hexaploid wheats (i.e., the A, B and D genomes).

Preferably, such DNA markers are derived from the intron region of a starch synthase gene disclosed herein, more preferably the wheat SSII and/or the wheat SSIII gene. Those skilled in the art will be aware that such regions generally have a higher degree of variation than in the protein-encoding regions and, as a consequence, are particularly useful in identifying specific allelic variants of a particular gene, such as allelic variants contained in any one of the three wheat genomes, or alternatively or in addition, for the purpose of distinguishing between wheat GBSS, SSI, SSII or SSIII genes.

A further approach contemplated by the present inventors is the design of unique isoenzyme-specific and/or allele-specific peptides based upon the amino acid sequence disclosed herein as SEQ ID NOS: 25 and/or SEQ ID NO: 4 and/or SEQ ID

NO: 6 and/or SEQ ID NO: 8 and/or SEQ ID NO: 10, which peptides are then used to produce polyclonal or monoclonal antibodies by conventional means. Alternatively, the genes encoding these polypeptides or unique peptide regions thereof can be introduced in an expressible format into an appropriate prokaryotic or eukaryotic expression system, where they can be expressed to produce the isoenzyme-specific and/or allele-specific peptides for antibody production. Such antibodies may also be used as markers for the purpose of both identifying parental lines and germplasms and monitoring the stacking of genes in new lines, using conventional immunoassays such as, for example, ELISA and western blotting.

A further aspect of the present invention utilises the above-mentioned nucleic acid based assay method in the breeding and/or selection of plants which express or do not express particular starch synthase isoenzymes or alternatively, which express a particular starch synthase isoenzyme at a particular level in one or more plant tissues. This aspect clearly extends to the selection of transformed plant material which contains one or more of the isolated nucleic acid molecules of the present invention.

Yet another aspect of the present invention provides for the expression of the nucleic acid molecule of the present invention in a suitable host (e.g. a prokaryote or eukaryote) to produce full length or non-full length recombinant starch synthase gene products.

Hereinafter the term "starch synthase gene product" shall be taken to refer to a recombinant product of a starch synthase gene of the present invention.

Preferably, the recombinant starch synthase gene product comprises an amino acid sequence having the catalytic activity of a starch synthase polypeptide or a functional mutant, derivative part, fragment, or analogue thereof.

In a particularly preferred embodiment of the invention, the recombinant starch synthase gene product is selected from the following:

(i) a wheat starch synthase II (wSSII) polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises an amino acid sequence which is at least about 85% identical overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, or 6;

(ii) a wheat starch synthase III (wSSIII) polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises an amino acid sequence which is at least about 85% identical overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 8 or 10; and

(iii) a wheat starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises a conserved amino acid sequence having at least 25% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KVGGLGDVVTS;

(b) GHTVEVILPKY;

(c) HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY;

(d) GILNGIDPDIWDPYTD;

(e) DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG;

(f) NGQVVLLGSA;

(g)AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLTQLVAMRYGS;

(h)TGGLVDTV; (i) a wheat starch synthase II (wSSII) polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises an amino acid sequence which is at least about 85% identical overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, or 6;

(ii) a wheat starch synthase III (wSSIII) polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises an amino acid sequence which is at least about 85% identical overall to an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 8 or 10;

(iii) a wheat starch synthase polypeptide, protein or enzyme or functional subunit thereof which comprises a conserved amino acid sequence having at

least 25% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KVGGLGDVVTS;

(b) GHTVEVILPKY;

(c) HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY;

(d) GILNGIDPDIWDPYTD;

(e) DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG;

(f) NGQVVLLGSA;

(g)AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLTQLVAMRYGS; and

(h)TGGLVDTV;

(i) KTGGLGDVAGA;

(j) GHRVMVVVPRY;

(k) NDWHTALLPVYLKAYY;

(l) GIVNGIDNMEWNPEVD;

(m) DVPLLGFIGRLDGQKG;

(n) DVQLVMLGTG;

(o)AGADALLMPSRF(E/V)PCGLNQLYAMAYGT; and

(p)VGG(V/L)RDTV.

Accordingly, the present invention clearly extends to homologues, analogues and derivatives of the amino acid sequences set forth herein as SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10.

In the present context, "homologues" of an amino acid sequence refer to those polypeptides, enzymes or proteins which have a similar catalytic activity to the amino acid sequences described herein, notwithstanding any amino acid substitutions, additions or deletions thereto. A homologue may be isolated or derived from the same or another plant species as the species from which the polypeptides of the invention are derived.

"Analogues" encompass polypeptides of the invention notwithstanding the occurrence

of any non-naturally occurring amino acid analogues therein.

"Derivatives" include modified peptides in which ligands are attached to one or more of the amino acid residues contained therein, such as carbohydrates, enzymes, proteins, polypeptides or reporter molecules such as radionuclides or fluorescent compounds. Glycosylated, fluorescent, acylated or alkylated forms of the subject peptides are particularly contemplated by the present invention. Additionally, derivatives of an amino acid sequence described herein which comprises fragments or parts of the subject amino acid sequences are within the scope of the invention, as are homopolymers or heteropolymers comprising two or more copies of the subject polypeptides. Procedures for derivatizing peptides are well-known in the art.

Substitutions encompass amino acid alterations in which an amino acid is replaced with a different naturally-occurring or a non-conventional amino acid residue. Such substitutions may be classified as "conservative", in which an amino acid residue contained in a starch synthase gene product is replaced with another naturally-occurring amino acid of similar character, for example Gly↔Ala, Val↔Ile↔Leu, Asp↔Glu, Lys↔Arg, Asn↔Gln or Phe↔Trp↔Tyr.

Substitutions encompassed by the present invention may also be "non-conservative", in which an amino acid residue which is present in a starch synthase gene product described herein is substituted with an amino acid with different properties, such as a naturally-occurring amino acid from a different group (eg. substituted a charged or hydrophobic amino acid with alanine), or alternatively, in which a naturally-occurring amino acid is substituted with a non-conventional amino acid.

Non-conventional amino acids encompassed by the invention include, but are not limited to those listed in Table 2.

Amino acid substitutions are typically of single residues, but may be of multiple residues, either clustered or dispersed.

Amino acid deletions will usually be of the order of about 1-10 amino acid residues, while insertions may be of any length. Deletions and insertions may be made to the N-terminus, the C-terminus or be internal deletions or insertions. Generally, insertions within the amino acid sequence will be smaller than amino- or carboxy-terminal fusions and of the order of 1-4 amino acid residues.

A homologue, analogue or derivative of a starch synthase gene product as referred to herein may readily be made using peptide synthetic techniques well-known in the art, such as solid phase peptide synthesis and the like, or by recombinant DNA manipulations. Techniques for making substituent mutations at pre-determined sites using recombinant DNA technology, for example by M13 mutagenesis, are also well-known. The manipulation of nucleic acid molecules to produce variant peptides, polypeptides or proteins which manifest as substitutions, insertions or deletions are well-known in the art.

The starch synthase gene products described herein may be derivatized further by the inclusion or attachment thereto of a protective group which prevents, inhibits or slows proteolytic or cellular degradative processes. Such derivatization may be useful where the half-life of the subject polypeptide is required to be extended, for example to increase the amount of starch produced in the endosperm or alternatively, to increase the amount of protein produced in a bacterial or eukaryotic expression system. Examples of chemical groups suitable for this purpose include, but are not limited to, any of the non-conventional amino acid residues listed in Table 2, in particular a D-stereoisomer or a methylated form of a naturally-occurring amino acid listed in Table 1. Additional chemical groups which are useful for this purpose are selected from the list comprising aryl or heterocyclic N-acyl substituents, polyalkylene oxide moieties, desulphatohirudin muteins, alpha-muteins, alpha-aminophosphonic acids, water-soluble polymer groups such as polyethylene glycol attached to sugar residues using hydrazone or oxime groups, benzodiazepine dione derivatives, glycosyl groups such as beta-glycosylamine or a derivative thereof, isocyanate conjugated to a polyol functional group or polyoxyethylene polyol capped with diisocyanate, amongst others. Similarly, a starch synthase gene product or a homologue, analogue or derivative

thereof may be cross-linked or fused to itself or to a protease inhibitor peptide, to reduce susceptibility of said molecule to proteolysis.

In a particularly preferred embodiment, the percentage similarity to in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10 is at least about 90%, more preferably at least about 95%, even more preferably at least about 97% and even more preferably at least about 98%, or about 99% or 100%.

In a related embodiment, the present invention provides a "sequencably pure" form of the amino acid sequence described herein. "Sequencably pure" is hereinbefore described as substantially homogeneous to facilitate amino acid determination.

In a further related embodiment, the present invention provides a "substantially homogeneous" form of the subject amino acid sequence, wherein the term "substantially homogeneous" is hereinbefore defined as being in a form suitable for interaction with an immunologically interactive molecule. Preferably, the polypeptide is at least 20% homogeneous, more preferably at least 50% homogeneous, still more preferably at least 75% homogeneous and yet still more preferably at least about 95-100% homogenous, in terms of activity per microgram of total protein in the protein preparation.

To produce the recombinant polypeptide of the present invention, the coding region of a starch synthase gene described herein or a functional homologue, analogue or derivative thereof is placed operably in connection with a promoter sequence in the sense orientation, such that a starch synthase gene product is capable of being expressed under the control of said promoter sequence.

In the present context, the term "in operable connection with" means that expression of the isolated nucleotide sequence is under the control of the promoter sequence with which it is connected, regardless of the relative physical distance of the sequences from each other or their relative orientation with respect to each other.

Reference herein to a "promoter" is to be taken in its broadest context and includes the transcriptional regulatory sequences of a classical genomic gene, including the TATA box which is required for accurate transcription initiation, with or without a CCAAT box sequence and additional regulatory elements (i.e. upstream activating sequences, enhancers and silencers) which alter gene expression in response to developmental and/or external stimuli, or in a tissue-specific manner. A promoter is usually, but not necessarily, positioned upstream or 5′, of a structural gene, the expression of which it regulates. Furthermore, the regulatory elements comprising a promoter are usually positioned within 2 kb of the start site of transcription of the gene.

In the present context, the term "promoter" is also used to describe a synthetic or fusion molecule, or derivative which confers, activates or enhances expression of a structural gene or other nucleic acid molecule, particularly in a plant cell and more preferably in a wheat plant or other monocotyledonous plant cell, tissue or organ. Preferred promoters may contain additional copies of one or more specific regulatory elements, to further enhance expression and/or to alter the spatial expression and/or temporal expression. For example, regulatory elements which confer copper inducibility may be placed adjacent to a heterologous promoter sequence, thereby conferring copper inducibility on the expression of said molecule.

Those skilled in the art will be aware that in order to obtain optimum expression of the starch synthase gene of the present invention, it is necessary to position said gene in an appropriate configuration such that expression is controlled by the promoter sequence. Promoters are generally positioned 5′ (upstream) to the genes that they control. In the construction of heterologous promoter/structural gene combinations it is generally preferred to position the promoter at a distance from the gene transcription start site that is approximately the same as the distance between that promoter and the gene it controls in its natural setting, i.e., the gene from which the promoter is derived. As is known in the art, some variation in this distance can be accommodated without loss of promoter function. Similarly, the preferred positioning of a regulatory sequence element with respect to a heterologous gene to be placed under its control is defined by the positioning of the element in its natural setting, i.e., the genes from

which it is derived. Again, as is known in the art, some variation in this distance can also occur.

Examples of promoters suitable for expressing the starch synthase gene of the present invention include viral, fungal, bacterial, animal and plant derived promoters capable of functioning in prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells. Preferred promoters are those capable of regulating the expression of the subject starch synthase genes in plants cells, fungal cells, insect cells, yeast cells, animal cells or bacterial cells, amongst others. Particularly preferred promoters are capable of regulating expression of the subject nucleic acid molecules in monocotyledonous plant cells. The promoter may regulate the expression of the said molecule constitutively, or differentially with respect to the tissue in which expression occurs or, with respect to the developmental stage at which expression occurs, or in response to external stimuli such as physiological stresses, or plant pathogens, or metal ions, amongst others.

Accordingly, strong constitutive promoters are particularly preferred for the purposes of the present invention.

Examples of preferred promoters include the bacteriophage T7 promoter, bacteriophage T3 promoter, SP6 promoter, *lac* operator-promoter, *tac* promoter, SV40 late promoter, SV40 early promoter, RSV-LTR promoter, CMV IE promoter, CaMV 35S promoter, SCSV promoter, SCBV promoter and the like.

Particularly preferred promoters operable in plant cells include, for example the CaMV 35S promoter, and the SCBV promoter. Those skilled in the art will readily be aware of additional promoter sequences other than those specifically described.

In a particularly preferred embodiment, the promoter may be derived from a genomic starch synthase gene. Preferably, the promoter sequence comprises nucleotide sequences that are linked *in vivo* to nucleotide sequences set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37, or 38. By "linked *in vivo*" means that the promoter is present in its native state in the genome of a wheat plant where it controls expression

of the starch synthase gene of the present invention.

Conveniently, genetic constructs are employed to facilitate expression of a starch synthase genetic sequence of the present invention or a functional derivative, part, homologue, or analogue thereof. To produce a genetic construct, the starch synthase gene of the invention is inserted into a suitable vector or episome molecule, such as a bacteriophage vector, viral vector or a plasmid, cosmid or artificial chromosome vector which is capable of being maintained and/or replicated and/or expressed in the host cell, tissue or organ into which it is subsequently introduced. The said genetic construct comprises the subject nucleic acid molecule placed operably under the control of a promoter sequence and optionally, a terminator sequence.

The term "terminator" refers to a DNA sequence at the end of a transcriptional unit which signals termination of transcription. Terminators are 3′-non-translated DNA sequences containing a polyadenylation signal, which facilitates the addition of polyadenylate sequences to the 3′-end of a primary transcript. Terminators active in bacteria, yeasts, animal cells and plant cells are known and described in the literature. They may be isolated from bacteria, fungi, viruses, animals and/or plants.

Examples of terminators particularly suitable for use in expressing the nucleic acid molecule of the present invention in plant cells include the nopaline synthase (NOS) gene terminator of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens,* the terminator of the Cauliflower mosaic virus (CaMV) 35S gene, and the *zein* gene terminator from *Zea mays.*

Genetic constructs will generally further comprise one or more origins of replication and/or selectable marker gene sequences.

The origin of replication can be functional in a bacterial cell and comprise, for example, the pUC or the ColE1 origin. Alternatively, the origin of replication is operable in a eukaryotic cell, tissue and more preferably comprises the 2 micron (2μm) origin of replication or the SV40 origin of replication.

As used herein, the term "selectable marker gene" includes any gene which confers a phenotype on a cell in which it is expressed to facilitate the identification and/or selection of cells which are transfected or transformed with a genetic construct of the invention or a derivative thereof.

Suitable selectable marker genes contemplated herein include the ampicillin-resistance gene (Amp^r), tetracycline-resistance gene (Tc^r), bacterial kanamycin-resistance gene (Kan^r), is the zeocin resistance gene (Zeocin is a drug of bleomycin family which is trademark of InVitrogen Corporation), the *AURI-C* gene which confers resistance to the antibiotic aureobasidin A, phosphinothricin-resistance gene, neomycin phosphotransferase gene (*npt*II), hygromycin-resistance gene, β-glucuronidase (GUS) gene, chloramphenicol acetyltransferase (CAT) gene, green fluorescent protein-encoding gene or the luciferase gene, amongst others. Those skilled in the art will be aware of other selectable marker genes useful in the performance of the present invention and the subject invention is not limited by the nature of the selectable marker gene.

Usually, an origin of replication or a selectable marker gene suitable for use in bacteria is physically-separated from those genetic sequences contained in the genetic construct which are intended to be expressed or transferred to a eukaryotic cell, or integrated into the genome of a eukaryotic cell.

Standard methods can be used to introduce genetic constructs into a cell, tissue or organ for the purposes of modulating gene expression. Particularly prererred methods suited to the introduction of synthetic genes and genetic constructs comprising same to eukaryotic cells include liposome-mediated transfection or transformation, transformation of cells with attenuated virus particles or bacterial cells and standard procedures for the transformation of plant and animal cells, tissues, organs or organisms. Any standard means may be used for their introduction including cell mating, transformation or transfection procedures known to those skilled in the art or described by Ausubel *et al.* (1992).

In a further embodiment of the present invention, the starch synthase genes of the present invention and genetic constructs comprising same are adapted for integration into the genome of a cell in which it is expressed. Those skilled in the art will be aware that, in order to achieve integration of a genetic sequence or genetic construct into the genome of a host cell, certain additional genetic sequences may be required. In the case of plants, left and right border sequences from the T-DNA of the *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* Ti plasmid will generally be required.

The invention further contemplates increased starch and/or modified starch composition in transgenic plants expressing the nucleic acid molecule of the invention in the sense orientation such that the activity of one or more starch synthase isoenzymes is increased therein. By increasing the level of one or more starch synthase isoenzymes, the deposition of starch in the amyloplast or chloroplast is increased and/or a modified starch granule structure is produced and/or starch composition is modified and/or the amylose/amylopectin ratio is altered in the plant.

Wherein it is desired to increase the synthesis of a particular starch synthase isoenzyme in a plant cell, the coding region of a starch synthase gene is placed operably behind a promoter, in the sense orientation, such that said starch synthase is expressed under the control of said promoter sequence. In a preferred embodiment, the starch synthase genetic sequence is a starch synthase genomic sequence, cDNA molecule or protein-coding sequence.

Wherein it is desirable to reduce the level of a particular starch synthase isoenzyme in a plant cell, the nucleic acid molecule of the present invention can be expressed in the antisense orientation, as an antisense molecule or a ribozyme molecule, under the control of a suitable promoter.

Alternatively, the nucleic acid molecule of the present invention may also be expressed in the sense orientation, in the form of a co-suppression molecule, to reduce the level of a particular starch synthase isoenzyme in a plant cell. As will be known to those skilled in the art, co-suppression molecules that comprise inverted repeat sequences

of a target nucleic acid molecule provide optimum efficiency at reducing expression of said target nucleic acid molecule and, as a consequence, the present invention clearly contemplates the use of inverted repeat sequences of any one or more of the starch synthase genetic sequences exemplified herein, or inverted repeat sequences of a homologue, analogue or derivative of said starch synthase genetic sequences, to reduce the level of a starch synthase isoenzyme in a plant.

The expression of an antisense, ribozyme or co-suppression molecule comprising a starch synthase gene in a cell such as a plant cell, fungal cell, insect cell. animal cell, yeast cell or bacterial cell, may also increase the availability of carbon as a precursor for a secondary metabolite other than starch (e.g. sucrose or cellulose). By targeting the endogenous starch synthase gene, expression is diminished, reduced or otherwise lowered to a level that results in reduced deposition of starch in the amyloplast or chloroplast and/or leads to modified starch granule structure and/or composition and/or altered amylose/amylopectin ratio.

Accordingly, a further aspect of the present invention provides a method of modifying the starch content and/or starch composition of one or more tissues or organs of a plant, comprising expressing therein a sense molecule, antisense molecule, ribozyme molecule, co-suppression molecule, or gene-targeting molecule having at least about 85% nucleotide sequence identity to any one of any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37, or 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto for a time and under conditions sufficient for the enzyme activity of one or more starch synthase isoenzymes to be modified. This aspect of the invention clearly extends to the introduction of the sense molecule, antisense molecule, ribozyme molecule, co-suppression molecule, or gene-targeting molecule to isolated plant cells, tissues or organs or organelles by cell fusion or transgenic means and the regeneration of intact plants therefrom.

Co-suppression is the reduction in expression of an endogenous gene that occurs when one or more copies of said gene, or one or more copies of a substantially similar

gene are introduced into the cell, preferably in the form of an inverted repeat structure.

The present inventors have discovered that the genetic sequences disclosed herein are capable of being used to modify the level of starch when expressed, particularly when expressed in plants cells. Accordingly, the present invention clearly extends to the modification of starch biosynthesis in plants, in particular wheat or barley plants or a progenitor plant species, or a relative thereto such as the diploid *Triticum tauschii* or other diploid, tetraploid, aneuploid, polyploid, nullisomic, or a wheat/barley addition line, amongst others.

In particular, the present invention contemplates decreased starch production and/or modified starch composition in transgenic plants expressing the nucleic acid molecule of the invention in the antisense orientation or alteratively, expressing a ribozyme or co-suppression molecule comprising the nucleic acid sequence of the invention such that the activity of one or more starch synthase isoenzymes is decreased therein.

In the context of the present invention, an antisense molecule is an RNA molecule which is transcribed from the complementary strand of a nuclear gene to that which is normally transcribed to produce a "sense" mRNA molecule capable of being translated into a starch synthase polypeptide. The antisense molecule is therefore complementary to the mRNA transcribed from a sense starch synthase gene or a part thereof. Although not limiting the mode of action of the antisense molecules of the present invention to any specific mechanism, the antisense RNA molecule possesses the capacity to form a double-stranded mRNA by base pairing with the sense mRNA, which may prevent translation of the sense mRNA and subsequent synthesis of a polypeptide gene product.

Ribozymes are synthetic RNA molecules which comprise a hybridising region complementary to two regions, each of at least 5 contiguous nucleotide bases in the target sense mRNA. In addition, ribozymes possess highly specific endoribonuclease

activity, which autocatalytically cleaves the target sense mRNA. A complete description of the function of ribozymes is presented by Haseloff and Gerlach (1988) and contained in International Patent Application No. WO89/05852.

The present invention extends to ribozyme which target a sense mRNA encoding a native starch synthase gene product, thereby hybridising to said sense mRNA and cleaving it, such that it is no longer capable of being translated to synthesise a functional polypeptide product.

According to this embodiment, the present invention provides a ribozyme or antisense molecule comprising at least 5 contiguous nucleotide bases derived from any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37, or 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof, wherein said antisense or ribozyme molecule is able to form a hydrogen-bonded complex with a sense mRNA encoding a starch synthase gene product to reduce translation thereof.

In a preferred embodiment, the antisense or ribozyme molecule comprises at least 10 to 20 contiguous nucleotides derived from any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37, or 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof. Although the preferred antisense and/or ribozyme molecules hybridise to at least about 10 to 20 nucleotides of the target molecule, the present invention extends to molecules capable of hybridising to at least about 50-100 nucleotide bases in length, or a molecule capable of hybridising to a full-length or substantially full-length mRNA encoded by a starch synthase gene.

Those skilled in the art will be aware of the necessary conditions, if any, for selecting or preparing the antisense or ribozyme molecules of the invention.

It is understood in the art that certain modifications, including nucleotide substitutions amongst others, may be made to the antisense and/or ribozyme molecules of the present invention, without destroying the efficacy of said molecules in inhibiting the expression of a starch synthase gene. It is therefore within the scope of the present

invention to include any nucleotide sequence variants, homologues, analogues, or fragments of the said gene encoding same, the only requirement being that said nucleotide sequence variant, when transcribed, produces an antisense and/or ribozyme molecule which is capable of hybridising to a sense mRNA molecule which encodes a starch synthase gene product.

Gene targeting is the replacement of an endogenous gene sequence within a cell by a related DNA sequence to which it hybridises, thereby altering the form and/or function of the endogenous gene and the subsequent phenotype of the cell. According to this embodiment, at least a part of the DNA sequence defined by any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37, or 38 may be introduced into target cells containing an endogenous gene that encodes a particular starch synthase isoenzyme, thereby replacing said endogenous gene. According to this embodiment, the polypeptide product of the gene targetting molecule generally encodes a starch synthase isoenzyme that possesses different catalytic activity to the polypeptide product of the endogenous gene, producing in turn modified starch content and/or composition in the target cell.

The present invention extends to genetic constructs designed to facilitate expression of a sense molecule, an antisense molecule, ribozyme molecule, co-suppression molecule, or gene targeting molecule of the present invention. The requirements for expressing such molecules are similar to those for expressing a recombinant polypeptide as described *supra*.

The present invention further extends to the production and use of starches and proteins produced using the novel genes described herein. Modified starches produced by plants which have been selected using marker-assisted selection, or alternatively, produced by transgenic plants carrying the introduced starch synthase genes, are particularly suitable for use in food products, such as, for example, flour and flour-based products, in particular those products selected from the group consisting of: flour-based sauce; leavened bread; unleavened bread; pasta, noodle; cereal; snack food; cake; and pastry. Modified proteins are also suitable for use in non-

food products, such as, for example, those non-food products selected from the group consisting of: films; coatings; adhesives; building materials; and packaging materials.

Additionally, starch hydrolysates or undegraded starches are both useful in industry and, as a consequence, the present invention is useful in applications relating to the use of both starch hydrolysates and undegraded starches. By "starch hydrolysates" is meant the glucose and glucan components that are obtainable by the enzymatic or chemical degradation of starch in chemical modifications and processes, such as fermentation.

Starch produced by plants expressing the sense, antisense, co-suppression, gene-targetting or ribozyme molecules of the present invention may exhibit modified viscosities and/or gelling properties of its glues when compared to starch derived from wild-type plants. Native starches produced by the performance of the inventive method are useful as an additive in the following: (i) foodstuffs, for the purpose of increasing the viscosity or gelling properties of food; (ii) in non-foodstuffs, such as an adjuvant or additive in the paper and cardboard industries, for retention or as a size filler, or as a solidifying substance or for dehydration, or film coating, amongst others; (iii) in the adhesive industry as pure starch glue, as an additive to synthetic resins and polymer dispersions, or as an extenders for synthetic adhesives; (iv) in the textile and textile care industries to strengthen woven products and reduce burring or to thicken dye pastes; (v) in the building industry, such as a binding agent in the production of gypsum plaster boards, or for the deceleration of the sizing process; (vi) in ground stabilization or for the temporary protection of ground particles against water in artificial earth shifting; (vii) as a wetting agent in plant protectants and fertilizers; (viii) as a binding agent in drugs, pharmaceuticals and medicated foodstuff such as vitamins, etc; (ix) as an additive in coal and briquettes; (xi) as a flocculent in the processing of coal ore and slurries; (xii) as a binding agent in casting processes to increase flow resistance and improve binding strength; and (xiii) to improve the technical and optical quality of rubber and plastic products. Additional applications are not excluded.

A further aspect of the present invention provides an isolated promoter that is operable

in the endosperm of a monocotyledonous plant cell, tissue or organ, and preferably in the endosperm of a monocotyledonous plant cell, tissue or organ. According to this embodiment, it is preferred that the promoter is derived from a starch synthase gene of the present invention, such as a promoter that is linked *in vivo* to any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37, or 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto.

In a particularly preferred embodiment, the promoter comprises a nucleotide sequence derivable from the 5'-upstream region of SEQ ID NO: 11 or SEQ ID NO: 37 or SEQ ID NO: 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto, an more preferably comprises nucleotides 1 to about 287 of SEQ ID NO: 11, or nucleotides 1 to about 1416 of SEQ ID NO: 37, or nucleotides 1 to about 973 of SEQ ID NO: 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto. The present invention clearly extends to promoter sequences that comprise further nucleotide sequences in the region upstream of the stated nucleotide sequence that are linked *in vivo* to said nucleotide sequence in the wheat genome.

In a related embodiment, the promoter sequence of the present invention will further comprise an exon sequence derived from a starch synthase gene, such as, for example, an intron I sequence described herein, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto. Those skilled in the art will be aware that the inclusion of such nucleotide sequences may increase the expression of a heterologous structural gene, the expression of which is controlled thereby. Preferred intron I sequences include, for example, nucleotide sequences in the region of about position 1744 to about 1847 of SEQ ID NO: 37, and/or about position 1100 to about position 2056 of SEQ ID NO: 38. Additional sequences comprising intron/exon junction boundary sequences which are readily determined by those skilled in the art are not excluded.

The present invention further extends to the expression of any structural gene operably under the control of the starch synthase promoter sequence exemplified herein or a functional homologue, analogue or derivative of said promoter sequence.

As with other embodiments described herein for expression in cells, a genetic construct may be employed to effect said expression and the present invention clearly extends to said genetic constructs.

The polypeptide encoded by the structural gene component may be a reporter molecule which is encoded by a gene such as the bacterial β-glucuronidase gene or chloramphenicol acetyltransferase gene or alternatively, the firefly luciferase gene. Alternatively, wherein it is desirable to alter carbon partitioning within the endosperm, the polypeptide may be an enzyme of the starch sucrose biosynthetic pathways. Preferably, the promoter sequence is used to regulate the expression of one or more of the starch synthase genes of the present invention or a sense, antisense, ribozyme, co-suppression or gene-targetting molecule comprising or derived from same.

Recombinant DNA molecules carrying the aforesaid nucleic acid molecule of the present invention or a sense, antisense, ribozyme, gene-targetting or co-suppression molecule and/or genetic construct comprising same, may be introduced into plant tissue, thereby producing a "transgenic plant", by various techniques known to those skilled in the art. The technique used for a given plant species or specific type of plant tissue depends on the known successful techniques. Means for introducing recombinant DNA into plant tissue include, but are not limited to, transformation (Paszkowski *et al.*, 1984), electroporation (Fromm *et al.*, 1985), or microinjection of the DNA (Crossway *et al.*, 1986), or T-DNA-mediated transfer from *Agrobacterium* to the plant tissue. Representative T-DNA vector systems are described in the following references: An *et al.*(1985); Herrera-Estrella *et al.* (1983a, b); Herrera-Estrella *et al.* (1985). Once introduced into the plant tissue, the expression of the introduced gene may be assayed in a transient expression system, or it may be determined after selection for stable integration within the plant genome. Techniques are known for the *in vitro* culture of plant tissue, and in a number of cases, for regeneration into whole plants. Procedures for transferring the introduced gene from the originally transformed plant into commercially useful cultivars are known to those skilled in the art.

In general, plants are regenerated from transformed plant cells or tissues or organs on

hormone-containing media and the regenerated plants may take a variety of forms, such as chimeras of transformed cells and non-transformed cells; clonal transformants (e.g., all cells transformed to contain the expression cassette); grafts of transformed and untransformed tissues (e.g., a transformed root stock grafted to an untransformed scion in citrus species). Transformed plants may be propagated by a variety of means, such as by clonal propagation or classical breeding techniques. For example, a first generation (or T1) transformed plants may be selfed to give homozygous second generation (or T2) transformed plants, and the T2 plants further propagated through classical breeding techniques.

Accordingly, a still further aspect of the present invention contemplates a transgenic plant comprising an introduced sense molecule, antisense molecule, ribozyme molecule, co-suppression molecule, or gene-targeting molecule having at least about 85% nucleotide sequence identity to any one of any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,11-16, 37, or 38, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereto or a genetic construct comprising same. The present invention further extends to those plant parts, propagules and progeny of said transgenic plant or derived therefrom, the only requirement being that said propagules and progeny also carry the introduced nucleic acid molecule(s).

The present invention is further described by reference to the following non-limiting examples.

EXAMPLE 1

Plant material

Genetic stocks of hexaploid bread wheat *Triticum aestivum* cv. Chinese Spring with various chromosome additions and deletions were kindly supplied by Dr E. Lagudah (CSIRO Plant Industry, Canberra) and derived from stocks described in Sears and Miller (1985). The hexaploid (*Triticum aestivum*) wheats cv Gabo and cv Wyuna were grown in controlled growth cabinet conditions (18°C day and 13 C night, with a photoperiod of 16 h). Wheat leaves and florets prior to anthesis, and endosperm were collected over the grain filling period, immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored

at -80°C until required.

EXAMPLE 2

Gel Electrophoresis, Antibodies and Immunoblotting

Monoclonal antibodies against the Sgp-1 proteins, and their use in the immunoblotting of SDS-PAGE gels have been described previously (Rahman *et al.*, 1995).

EXAMPLE 3

Preparation of total RNA from wheat

Total RNA was isolated from the leaf, floret and endosperm tissues of wheat essentially as described by Higgins *et al.* (1976) or Rahman *et al.* (1998). RNA was quantified by UV absorption and by separation in 1.4% (w/v) agarose-formaldehyde gels which were then visualised under UV light after staining with ethidium bromide.

EXAMPLE 4

Construction and screening of cDNA libraries

A first cDNA library, an expression cDNA library of wheat endosperm, was constructed from mRNA isolated from wheat cv Chinese Spring. RNA from 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13 days after anthesis was pooled and random primers were used for the first strand of cDNA synthesis. Monoclonal antibodies against 100 -105 kDa proteins in wheat starch granules (Rahman *et al.*, 1995) were used for immunoscreening of the expression cDNA library.

A second cDNA library was constructed from the endosperm mRNA of the hexaploid *Triticum aestivum* cultivar Wyuna, 8 - 12 days after anthesis, as described by Rahman *et al.* (1997). This library was screened with a 85-bp cDNA fragment, wSSIIp1, which was obtained by immunoscreening of the expression cDNA library as described above. The wSSIIp1 probe corresponded to nucleotide positions 988 to 1072 of wSSIIB (SEQ ID NO:1) at the hybridisation conditions as described earlier (Rahman *et al.*, 1998).

A third cDNA library was constructed from RNA from the endosperm of the hexaploid

Triticum aestivum cultivar Rosella as described by Rahman *et al.* (1997). This library was screened with a 347-bp cDNA fragment, wSSIIIp1 for the first screening, and a 478-bp cDNA fragment wSSIIIp3 for the second screening using the hybridisation conditions described herein.

EXAMPLE 5

Construction and screening of *Triticum tauschii* genomic library

The genomic library used in this study, prepared from *Triticum tauschii*, var strangulata, (Accession Number CPI 110799), has been described in Rahman *et al.*, (1997). Of all the accessions of *T. tauschii* surveyed, DNA marker analysis suggests that the genome of CPI 110799 is the most closely related to the D genome of hexaploid wheat (Lagudah *et al.*, 1991).

Hybridisations were carried out in 25% formamide, 6 x SSC, 0.1% SDS at 42°C for 16 hours, then filters were washed 3 times using 2 x SSC containing 0.1% SDS at 65°C for 1 hour per wash.

For the isolation of a genomic wSSII clone, the probe comprised the PCR-derived DNA fragment wSSIIp2 and positive-hybridising plaques were digested using the restriction enzyme *Bam*HI, separated on a 1% agarose gel, transferred to nitrocellulose membrane and hybridised to probe wSSIIp4 comprising nucleotides 1 to 367 of the wSSIIA cDNA clone, using the conditions described by Rahman *et al.* (1997).

For the isolation of a genomic wSSIII clone, plaques hybridising to the PCR-derived DNA fragment wSSIIIp1 from clone wSSIII.B3 (i.e. nucleotides 3620 to 3966 of SEQ ID NO:7) were selected and re-screened until plaque-purified.

EXAMPLE 6

DNA sequencing and analysis

DNA sequencing was performed using the automated ABI system with dye terminators as described by the manufacturers. DNA sequences were analysed using the GCG

suite of programs (Devereaux *et al.*, 1984).

EXAMPLE 7

DNA and RNA analysis

DNA was isolated and analysed as previously described (Maniatis *et al.*, 1982; Rahman *et al.*, 1998). Approximately 20 μg of DNA was digested with restriction enzymes *Bam*HI, *Dra*I and *Eco*RI, separated on a 1% agarose gel and transferred to reinforced nitrocellulose membranes (BioRad) and hybridised with ^{32}P-labelled DNA probe, either wSSIIIp1, corresponding to nucleotides 3620 to 3966 of the wheat SSIII gene, or alternatively, with the entire wSSII cDNA clone. DNA fragment probes were labelled with the Rapid Multiprime DNA Probe Labelling Kit (Promega).

The hybridisation and wash conditions were performed as described in Rahman *et al.* (1997). For RNA analysis, 10 μg of total RNA was separated in a 1.4% agarose-formaldehyde gel and transferred to a Hybond N+ membrane (Amersham), and hybridised with cDNA probe at 42°C as previously described by Khandjian *et al.*, (1987) or Rahman *et al.*, (1998). After washing for 30 minutes at 65°C with 2x SSC, 0.1% SDS; followed by three washes of 40 minutes at 65°C with 0.2x SSC, 1% SDS, the membranes were visualised by overnight exposure at -80°C with Kodak MR X-ray film.

EXAMPLE 8

Expression of wheat Sgp-1 polypeptides in the wheat endosperm

The development and use of monoclonal antibodies to the Sgp-1 proteins has been described previously (Rahman *et al.*, 1995). These antibodies were used by the present inventors to characterise the expression and localisation of the Sgp-1 proteins.

The proteins found in the matrix of the wheat starch granule are shown in Figure 1, lane 1. The remaining lanes show an immunoblot of proteins from the soluble phase (Figure 1; lanes 2-4) and the starch granule (Figure 1; lanes 5-7), respectively, following SDS-PAGE. In addition to cross-reactivity with the 100-105 kDa proteins, a

weak cross-reaction with a 50 kDa protein in both the granule and the soluble fractions were observed (Figure 1). The Sgp-1 polypeptides are present in the starch granule throughout endosperm development (Figure 1; lanes 5-7, also see Rahman *et al.*, 1995). However, as the endosperms matures, there is a reduction in the amount of Sgp-1 protein found in the soluble fraction. Lane 4 shows that by 25 days after anthesis, the level of these proteins in the soluble fraction is substantially reduced. This observation is consistent with previous results from Rahman *et al.*, (1995), who suggested that the Sgp-1 proteins were exclusively granule bound based on studies of granules from endosperm in mid-late stages endosperm development, however, these results suggest that the partitioning of these proteins between the granule and the soluble phase changes during development.

EXAMPLE 9

Isolation of cDNA clones encoding wheat starch synthase II (wSSII) proteins

Monoclonal antibodies against Sgp-1 polypeptides (Rahman *et al.*, 1995) were used to probe the expression library described in Example 4 (i.e. the first cDNA library). Three immunoreactive plaques were identified and sequenced. One clone, designated wSSIIp1, contained an 85-bp cDNA insert with homology to maize SSIIa (Harn *et al.*, 1998).

DNA from the wSSIIp1 clone was used as a probe in the hybridisation screening of the second cDNA library, prepared from *Triticum aestivum* cultivar Wyuna endosperm RNA as described in Example 4. Ten hybridising cDNA clones were selected and sequenced. On the basis of the DNA sequences obtained, the 10 cDNA clones can be classified into three groups. Group 1 contains 7 cDNA clones, group 2 contains 2 cDNA clones and group 3 contains 1 cDNA clone.

The longest clone from group 1 (designated wSSIIB) is 2939 bp in length (SEQ ID NO:1) and encodes a 798 -amino acid polypeptide in the region from nucleotide position 176 to nucleotide position 2569 (SEQ ID NO:2).

The longest clone from group 2 (designated wSSIIA) is 2842 bp in length (SEQ ID NO:3) and encodes a 799 -amino acid polypeptide in the region from nucleotide position 89 to nucleotide position 2485 (SEQ ID NO:4).

The cDNA from group 3 is a partial cDNA clone (designated wSSIID), which is 2107 bp in length (SEQ ID NO:5) and encodes a 597 -amino acid polypeptide in the region from nucleotide position 1 to nucleotide position 1791 (SEQ ID NO:6). The encoded polypeptide is approximately a 200 amino acid residues shorter than that of polypeptides encoded by longest clones of group 1 or 2 clones, respectively (Figure 2).

Comparison of the three cDNA clones, wSSIIB, wSSIIA and wSSIID shows that they share 95.7% to 96.6% identity at the amino acid level, with variation at 44 amino acid positions between the three sequences (Figure 3). Of the 44 amino acid changes between these sequences, 31 changes occur in the N-terminal region (residues 1 to 300), 10 changes occur in the central region (residues 301 to 729) and 3 changes occur in the C-terminal region (residues 730 to 799). The wSSIIA polypeptide (799 amino acid residues) and wSSIIB polypeptide (798 amino acid residues) sequences differ in length by a single amino acid residue, due to the deletion of Asp-69 from the wSSIIB polypeptide sequence.

A comparison of the nucleotide sequences of the wSSIA, wSSIIB and wSSIID cDNA clones with the nucleotide sequence of the wSSIIp1 cDNA obtained by immunoscreening confirms that the wSSIIp1 sequence is found in each cDNA (Figure 3). The peptide encoded by the wSSIIp1 cDNA clone corresponds to amino acid residues in the region from residue 272 to residue 298 of the wSSIIA polypeptide, and to amino acid residues in the region from residue 271 to residue 297 of the wSSIIB polypeptide (see Figure 3). Thus, the peptide epitope encoded by wSSIIp1 that reacts with the anti-Sgp-1 monoclonal antibodies can therefore be localised to this region of the wSSIIA and wSSIIB polypeptides and to the corresponding region of the wSSIID polypeptide.

Notwithstanding that a region having about 63% amino acid sequence identity to the peptide epitope encoded by clone wSSIIp1 is found in the maize SSIIa polypeptide (Figure 3), the degree of amino acid conservation between maize and wheat sequences in this region of the polypeptide is insufficient for immunological cross-reactivity to occur between these species using the monoclonal antibodies to the wheat Sgp-1 proteins described by Rahman *et al.* (1995). Additionally, this peptide epitope is not found in granule-bound starch synthases, SSI, or SSIII (data not shown).

The wSSIIB cDNA (SEQ ID NO:1) encodes an amino acid sequence comprising the peptide motif AAGKKDAGID (SEQ ID NO: 18) between residues 60 and 69 of SEQ ID NO:2 (Figure 3) which, with the exception of the second residue, is identical to the N-terminal of the 100 kDa ($A^T/_L$GKKDAGID: SEQ ID NOS:19 and 20) protein (Sgp-B1) from the wheat starch granule (note that the sequence given in Rahman *et al.*, 1995 ($A^T/_L$GKKDAL: SEQ ID NOS: 21 and 22) has been revised following further amino acid sequence analysis).

The wSSIIA cDNA clone (SEQ ID NO:3) encodes an amino acid sequence comprising the peptide motif AAGKKDARVDDDAA (SEQ ID NO: 23) at residues 60 to 73 of SEQ ID NO:4, which is about 66% identical to the N-terminal amino acid sequence (i.e. ALGKKDAGIVDGA: SEQ ID NO: 24) of the 104 kDa and 105 kDa starch granule proteins, Sgp-D1 and Sgp-A1 respectively, as determined by sequence analysis of isolated protein (Rahman *et al.*, 1995).

Furthermore, Takaoka *et al.* (1997) reported the amino acid sequences of 3 polypeptides obtained from sequencing starch granule proteins derived from the Sgp-1 proteins. Peptide 3 described by Takaoka *et al.* (1997) corresponds to amino acid residues 378 to 387 of the amino acid sequence of the wSSIIA cDNA (SEQ ID NO:4; Figure 3). Peptides 1 and 2 described by Takaoka *et al.* (1997) could not be detected in the amino acid sequences of the wSSII cDNA clones of the present invention, however peptide 1 of Takaoka *et al.* (1997) can be found in the amino acid sequences of SSI from maize, rice, wheat and potato (data not shown).

Denyer *et al.* (1995) demonstrated that the Sgp-1 proteins possess starch synthase activity and, as a consequence, the wSSIIB, wSSIA and wSSIID cDNA clones encode starch synthase enzymes that are differentially expressed in a developmentally-regulated manner in both the soluble and granule-bound fractions of the endosperm (Figure 1). Based on the nomenclature suggested by Harn *et al.* (1998), it is appropriate to describe the Sgp-1 proteins as "starch synthases" rather than "granule-bound starch synthases".

EXAMPLE 10

Analysis of wheat starch synthase II mRNA expression

The mRNA for wheat starch synthase II could be detected in leaves, pre-anthesis florets and endosperm of wheat when total RNAs isolated from these tissue were probed with a PCR probe, wSSIIp2, corresponding to nucleotide positions 1435 to 1835 bp of wSSIIB-cDNA (SEQ ID NO:1; Figure 4). Unlike wSSI, which could not be detected in wheat leaves derived from plants grown under the same conditions, wSSII genes are highly-expressed in the leaves (Figure 4, lane 1), and expressed at an intermediate level in pre-anthesis florets (Figure 4, lane 2), and at much lower levels in developing wheat endosperm cells (Figure 4, lanes 3-11). In contrast, the maize SSIIa is expressed predominantly in the endosperm, whilst the maize SSIIb is detected mainly in the leaf, albeit at low levels (Harn *et al.*, 1998).

The wSSII mRNA was detectable in the endosperm 6 days after anthesis and mRNA levels increase between 8 and 18 days post-anthesis, after which time levels of mRNA decline.

Southern blotting experiments in wheat demonstrated that the wSSIIp2 probe used detected only a single copy of the SSII gene in each genome (data not shown). Thus, it is unlikely that this probe cross-hybridised with mRNAs encoded by genes other than wSSII.

EXAMPLE 11

Chromosomal localization of the wheat wSSII genes.

I. Amplification of specific cDNA regions of wheat starch synthase II using PCR

Two PCR products, wSSIIp2 and wSSIIp3 were amplified from the cDNA clone wSSIIB and used for the northern hybridisation and Southern hybridisation, respectively.

The primers sslIa (5' TGTTGAGGTTCCATGGCACGTTC 3': SEQ ID NO: 25) and sslIb (5' AGTCGTTCTGCCGTATGATGTCG 3': SEQ ID NO: 26) were used to amplify the cDNA fragment wSSIIp2 (i.e. nucleotide positions 1435 to 1835 of SEQ ID NO:1).

The primers sslIc (5' CCAAGTACCAGTGGTGAACGC 3': SEQ ID NO: 27) and sslId (5' CGGTGGGATCCAACGGCCC 3': SEQ ID NO: 28) were used to amplify the cDNA fragment wSSIIp3 (i.e. nucleotide positions 2556 to 2921 of SEQ ID NO:1).

The amplification reactions were performed using a FTS-1 thermal sequencer (Corbett, Australia) for 1 cycle of 95°C for 2 minutes; 35 cycles of 95°C for 30 seconds, 60°C for 1 minutes, 72°C for 2 minutes and 1 cycle of 25°C for 1 minute.

II. PCR and nucleotide sequence analysis of 3' sequences of wheat SSII genes

Genomic DNA was extracted from wild-type Chinese Spring wheat, and from three nullisomic-tetrasomic lines of chromosome 7 of Chinese Spring wheat, and from *Triticum tauschii* (var strangulata, accession number CPI 100799), and used as a template for the amplification and nucleotide sequence analysis of wheat SSII genes.

RFLP analysis of *Bam*HI and *Eco*RI restricted DNA from each wheat or *T. Tauschii* line was carried out using the wSSIIp3 fragment as a probe. Three hybridising bands were obtained which could be assigned to chromosomes 7A, 7B and 7D, respectively (data not shown). This analysis indicates that there is a single copy of the wSSII gene in each genome in hexaploid wheat, consistent with the findings of Yamamori and Endo (1996) who located the SGP-A1, B1 and D1 proteins to the short arm of chromosome 7.

PCR analysis was used to assign each of the cDNA clones to the individual wheat genomes. A single 365 bp PCR fragment was obtained from nullisomic-tetrasomic genomic DNA of Chinese Spring when primers ssIIc and ssIId were used for the PCR amplification (Figure 5, right panel). This PCR product is obtained only from lines bearing the B genome. The fragment was cloned and sequenced and shown to be identical to a 365 bp region of the wSSIIB cDNA. An identical fragment is obtained by PCR amplification of the wSSIIB cDNA clone, but not by amplification of the wSSIIA or wSSIID clones, supporting the conclusion that the wSSIIB cDNA is the product of a gene located on chromosome 7 of the B genome of hexaploid wheat.

Two PCR products were also amplified from nullisomic-tetrasomic genomic DNA of Chinese Spring using the primers ssIIc and ssIIe (Figure 5, left panel). One PCR fragment, approximately 350 bp is only amplified when the A genome is present, and a second 322 bp product is only amplified when the D-genome is present. The 350 and 322 bp PCR products were also cloned and sequenced and shown to be identical to the wSSIIA and wSSIID cDNAs, respectively, supporting the conclusion that the wSSIIA and wSSIID cDNAs are the products of genes located on chromosomes 7A and 7D, respectively.

EXAMPLE 12

Isolation of genomic wSSII clones

Screening of a genomic library from the D-genome donor of wheat, *T. tauschii*, was performed as described in Example 5, using the PCR-derived DNA fragment wSSIIp2 as a hybridisation probe. A positive-hybridising clone, designated wSSII-8, and comprising a putative *T. tauschii* homologue of the wSSII gene, was isolated.

Positive-hybridising plaques were digested using the restriction enzyme *Bam*HI, separated on a 1% agarose gel, transferred to nitrocellulose membrane and hybridised to probe wSSIIp4 comprising nucleotides 1 to 367 of the wSSIIA cDNA clone, using the conditions described by Rahman *et al.* (1997). Clone wSSII-8 also hybridises strongly to the wSSIIp4 probe, confirming its identity as a genomic wSSII gene.

The complete nucleotide sequence of the wSSII gene was determined and is presented herein as SEQ ID NO: 37. The structural features of this gene are present in Table 3. A schematic representation of the intron/exon organisation of this gene is also presented in Figure 6.

TABLE 3

Structural features of the wheat starch synthase II genomic gene

Nucleotide Position in SEQ ID NO: 37	Feature	Length (bases)
1- 1416	5'-untranscribed region and promoter sequence	1416
1417 - 1743	exon 1	327
1480-1482	translation start codon (ATG)	3
1744 - 1847	intron 1	104
1848 - 2553	exon 2	706
2554 - 2641	intron 2	88
2642 - 2706	exon 3	65
2707 - 3606	intron 3	900
3607 - 3684	exon 4	78
3685 - 3773	intron 4	89
3774 - 3884	exon 5	111
3885 - 3981	intron 5	97
3982 - 4026	exon 6	45
4027 - 4406	intron 6	380
4407 - 4580	exon 7	174
4581 - 7296	intron 7	2716
7297 - 8547	exon 8	1251
8251 - 8253	translation stop codon (TGA)	3
8548 -9024	3'-untranscribed region	477

EXAMPLE 13

Cloning of specific cDNA regions of wheat starch synthase III using RT-PCR

PCR primers were used to amplify sequences of starch synthase III from wheat endosperm cDNA. The design of PCR primers was based on the sequences of starch synthase III from potato and the *du1* starch synthase III gene of maize.

First-strand cDNAs were synthesised from 1 μg of total RNA (derived from endosperm of the cultivar Rosella, 12 days after anthesis) as described by Maniatis *et al.* (1982), and then used as templates to amplify two specific cDNA regions, wSSIIIp1 and wSSIIIp2, of wheat starch synthase III by PCR.

The primers used to obtain the cDNA clone wSSIIIp1 were as follows:
Primer wSS3pa (5' GGAGGTCTTGGTGATGTTGT 3': SEQ ID NO: 29); and
Primer wSS3pb (5' CTTGACCAATCATGGCAATG 3': SEQ ID NO: 30).

The primers used to obtain the cDNA clone wSSIIIp2 were as follows:
Primer wSS3pc (5' CATTGCCATGATTGGTCAAG 3': SEQ ID NO: 31); and
Primer wSS3pd (5' ACCACCTGTCCGTTCCGTTGC 3': SEQ ID NO: 32).

The amplified clones wSSIIIp1 and wSSIIIp2 were used as probes to screen the third cDNA library and *T. tauschii* genomic DNA library as described in Example 4.

A further probe designated wSSIIIp3 was used for screening the third cDNA library, as described in Example 4. Probe wSSIIIp3 was amplified by PCR from a cDNA clone produced from the first screening using the following amplification primers:
Primer wSS3pe (5' GCACGGTCTATGAGAACAATGGC 3': SEQ ID NO: 33); and
Primer wSS3pf (5' TCTGCATACCACCAATCGCCG 3': SEQ ID NO: 34).

The amplification reactions were performed using a FTS-1 or FTS4000 thermal sequencer (Corbett, Australia) for 1 cycle of 95°C for 2 minutes; 35 cycles of 95°C for 30 seconds, 60°C for 1 minutes, 72°C for 2 minutes and 1 cycle of 25°C for 1 minute.

Amplified sequences of the expected length were obtained, cloned and sequenced, and shown to contain DNA sequences highly homologous to the maize and potato SSIII genes. PCR fragments were subsequently used to probe a wheat cDNA library by DNA hybridisation and 8 positive clones were obtained, including one 3 kb cDNA. A region from the 5' end of this cDNA was amplified by PCR and used a probe for a second round of screening the cDNA library, obtaining 8 cDNA clones. Of these, one cDNA was demonstrated to be full length (wSSIII.B3, 5.36 kb insert). The sequence of the 5,346 bp wSSIII.B3 cDNA clone is given in SEQ ID NO:7.

Sequencing of the 8 cDNA clones obtained from the second round screening of the wheat cDNA library revealed that there were at least 2 classes of cDNA encoding SSIII present, possibly being encoded by homeologous genes on different wheat genomes. The sequence of a representative of this second class of cDNA clones, wSSIII.B1, is shown in SEQ ID NO:9. The 3261 bp clone wSSIII.B1 is not full length, however it is similar to nucleotides 1739 to 5346 of the homeologous clone wSSIII.B3 (SEQ ID NO: 7). Clone wSSIII.B1 has an open reading frame between nucleotide positions 1 and 3177.

An open reading frame is found in the cDNA clone wSSIII.B3 (SEQ ID NO:7), in the region between position 29, commencing the ATG start codon, and nucleotide position 4912. The amino acid sequence deduced from this open reading frame is shown in SEQ ID NO:8.

An alignment of the deduced amino acid sequences of SSIII from maize, potato and wheat is shown in Figure 7. There is about 56.6% identity between the maize SSIII and wheat wSSIII.B3 sequence at the amino acid level.

The C-terminal domain of starch synthases comprise the catalytic domain, and a characteristic amino acid sequence motif KVGGLGDVVTSLSRAVQDLGHNVEV (SEQ ID NO: 35) in maize, or alternatively KVGGLGDVVTSLSRAIQDLGHTVEV (SEQ ID

NO: 36) in wheat, marking the first conserved region in the C-terminal domain. This amino acid sequence is present at amino acid residues 1194 to 1218 of SEQ ID NO: 8.

The amino acid identity between maize dull1 and wSSIII.B3 in the N-terminal region (i.e. amino acids 1 to 600 in Figure 7) is only 32.2%; whilst the amino acid identity in the central region (i.e. amino acids 601 to 1248 in Figure 7) is 68.4%; and in the C-terminal region (i.e. amino acids 1249 to 1631 in Figure 7) is 84.6%. Accordingly, the SSIII starch synthases are much more highly conserved between maize and wheat in the region comprising the catalytic domain of the proteins.

EXAMPLE 14

Analysis of wheat starch synthase III mRNA expression

Figure 8 shows the expression of wSSIII mRNA during endosperm development in two wheat varieties grown under defined environmental conditions. The expression of the gene is seen very early in endosperm development in both cultivars, 4 days after anthesis (Figure 8, panels a and b). Expression in the leaf of the variety Gabo is very weak (Figure 8, panel c, Lane L) whereas strong expression is seen in pre-anthesis florets (Figure 8, panel c, Lane P).

EXAMPLE 15

Amino acid sequence comparisons between wheat SSII and SSIII polypeptides

Amino acid sequence comparisons between wheat BSSS, SSI, SSII and SSIII polypeptides reveals eight highly-conserved domains (Figure 9). The amino acid sequences of these domains are represented in the wheat SSIII amino acid sequence by the following sequence motifs:

(a) Region 1: KVGGLGDVVTS;

(b) Region 2: GHTVEVILPKY;

(c) Region 3: HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY;

(d) Region 4: GILNGIDPDIWDPYTD;

(e) Region 5: DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG;

(f) Region 5a: NGQVVLLGSA;

(g) Region 6: AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLTQLVAMRYGS; and

(h) Region 7: TGGLVDTV.

These conserved amino acid sequences are summarised in Table 4. As shown in Table 4 below, there is at least about 25% amino acid sequence identity, preferably at least about 30% amino acid sequence identity, more preferably at least about 35% amino acid sequence identity, more preferably at least about 40% amino acid sequence identity, more preferably at least about 45% amino acid sequence identity, more preferably at least about 50% amino acid sequence identity, more preferably at least about 55% amino acid sequence identity, more preferably at least about 60% amino acid sequence identity, more preferably at least about 65% amino acid sequence identity, more preferably at least about 70% amino acid sequence identity, more preferably at least about 75% amino acid sequence identity, more preferably at least about 80% amino acid sequence identity, more preferably at least about 85% amino acid sequence identity, more preferably at least about 90% amino acid sequence identity and even more preferably at least about 95% amino acid sequence identity between the amino acid sequences of plant starch synthase enzymes, in particular wheat starch synthases.

From the data presented in Table 4, the most conserved regions of the wheat SSII and SSIII polypeptides are a region of 6 or 7 identical amino acids in Region 1 and a region of 8 or 9 identical amino acids in Region 6. The lowest regions of identity are found in regions 3 and 5a.

For each of the amino acid sequences presented in the first column of Table 4, which are specific for wSSIII polypeptides, corresponding signature motifs which are specific for wSSII-A, wSSII-B, and wSSII-D polypeptides can be derived from the alignment, as follows:

Region 1: KTGGLGDVAGA;

Region 2: GHRVMVVVPRY;
Region 3: NDWHTALLPVYLKAYY;
Region 4: GIVNGIDNMEWNPEVD;
Region 5: DVPLLGFIGRLDGQKG;
Region 5a: DVQLVMLGTG;
Region 6: AGADALLMPSRF(E/V)PCGLNQLYAMAYGT; and
Region 7: VGG(V/L)RDTV.

Comparison of the amino acid sequences of all available starch synthases with the deduced amino acid sequences of the three wSSII cDNA clones of the present invention (i.e. wSSIIB, wSSIIA and wSSIID) was conducted using PILEUP analysis (Devereaux *et al.*, 1984) and data are presented herein as a dendrogram (Figure 10). The sequence of the glycogen synthase of *E. coli* was also included. Based upon their amino acid similarities, four classes of plant starch synthases can be defined: GBSS, SSI, SSII and SSIII.

Table 5 shows that levels of identity at the amino acid level between the wSSII sequences, as determined using the BESTFIT programme in GCG (Devereaux *et al.*, 1984), and other class II starch synthases range from 70% identity with potato SSII to 85% identity with maize SSIIa. Both wSSIIB and wSSIID showed significantly higher homology to maize SSIIa than wSSIIA. Based upon sequence identities and the function of the Sgp-1 proteins in wheat, the wSSIIB, wSSIIA and wSSID cDNA clones are members of the starch synthase II (SSII) group and are more similar in sequence to maize SSIIa than maize SSIIb.

TABLE 4

Identities between conserved motifs of plant starch synthases

Sequence in wSSIII polypeptide	Number of conserved residues between wheat starch synthases	Number of conserved residues between wheat SSII and SSIII polypeptides
Region 1: KVGGLGDVVTS	6/11 residues	6/11 residues
Region 2: GHTVEVILPKY	6/11 residues	6/11 residues
Region 3: HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY	4/16 residues	5/16 residues
Region 4: GILNGIDPDIWDPYTD	7/16 residues	8/16 residues
Region 5: DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG	8/16 residues	10/16 residues
Region 5a: NGQVVLLGSA	4/10 residues	4/10 residues
Region 6: AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLT QLVAMRYGS	15/27 residues	17/27 residues
Region 7: TGGLVDTV	5/9 residues	5/9 residues

TABLE 5

	wSSII-A	wSSII-B	wSSII-D
wSSI-A	100%		
wSSII-B	95.9%	100%	
wSSII-D	96.3%	96.7%	100%
maize SSIIa	76.1%	85.2%	84.7%
maize SSIIb	76.3%	76.7%	75.9%
pea SSII	72.0%	72.2%	71.8%
potato SSII	70.9%	71.1%	70.3%

Figure 11 shows a schematic representation of an alignment of plant starch synthase sequences, including wheat GBSS, wheat SSI, wheat SSII-A1, maize SSIIa, and maize dull-1 polypeptides, in which the position of the first homologous region, comprising the consensus motif KXGG, is used as the basis of the alignment. The major differences in structure between the classes of genes are found in the length of the N-terminal region between the transit peptide and the first conserved region. At one extreme, the GBSS genes have a very short N-terminal arm, whereas the *du1* starch synthase contains a very long N-terminal extension containing several distinct regions. The wSSII genes contain an N-terminal extension which is longer than either GBSS, SSI, or SSIIb, and slightly longer than the maize SSIIa gene.

EXAMPLE 16

Isolation of genomic clones for SSIII

Screening of a genomic library from the D-genome donor of wheat, *T. tauschii*, identified a number of clones which hybridised to the wSSIII PCR fragment. Positive plaques in the genomic library were selected as those hybridising with a probe that had been generated by PCR (amplifying between nucleotide positions 3620 to 3966) from the SSIII cDNA as template. The primer sequences used were as follows:

wSS3pa (5' GGAGGTCTTGGTGATGTTGT 3': SEQ ID NO: 29); and

wSS3pb (5' CTTGACCAATCATGGCAATG 3' : SEQ ID NO: 30).

Hybridisation was carried out in 25% formamide, 6 x SSC, 0.1% SDS at 42 °C for 16 hour, then washed three times with 2 x SSC containing 0.1% SDS at 65 °C, for 1 hour per wash. shows an example of a plaque lift showing positive and negative hybridisations for plaques containing the *T. tauschii* homologue of the wSSIII.B3 gene.

DNA was isolated from positive-hybridising λ clones using methods described by Maniatis *et al.* Briefly, DNA was digested using *Bam*HI or *Bgl*I and sub-cloned in to the vector pJKKmfm. DNA sequencing was performed using the automated ABI system with dye terminators as described by the manufacturers. DNA sequences were analysed using the GCG suite of programs (Devereaux *et al.*, 1984).

Nucleotide sequences of the genomic SSIII clone from *T. tauschii* are provided herein as 6 contiguous sequences designated fragments 1 to 6 (SEQ ID NOs: 11 to 16, respectively). Table 6 defines the relative positions of these fragments with respect to the SSIII cDNA and describes the positions of exons. Figure 11 shows this information schematically.

The complete nucleotide sequence of a wheat SSIII genomic gene is presented herein as SEQ ID NO: 38. The structural features of this gene are presented in Table 7. A schematic representation of the intron/exon organisation of this gene is also presented in Figure 12.

EXAMPLE 17

Discussion

Early work on the Sgp-1 starch synthase proteins (Denyer *et al.*, 1995; Rahman *et al.*, 1995) was based on the localisation of these proteins in the wheat starch granule, and no definitive conclusion concerning their presence or absence in soluble extracts of the wheat endosperm was presented.

We have now demonstrated that a monoclonal antibody against the Sgp-1 proteins cross reacts strongly with those starch synthase proteins having apparent molecular

weights of 100-105 kDa in soluble extracts, however, the appearance of these proteins in soluble extracts is dependant on the developmental stage of the endosperm material. Whilst the proteins can be detected in the soluble phase in early to mid endosperm development, little or no soluble protein remains in late endosperm development (Figure 1). This observation accounts for the failure of Rahman *et al.* (1995) to detect the protein in soluble extracts in a previous report.

Based upon the localisation of the Sgp-1 starch synthase proteins in the wheat endosperm, the following nomenclature is suggested for wheat starch synthase enzymes: wGBSS for the 60 kDa granule bound starch synthase (Wx); wSSI for the 75 kDa starch synthase I (Sgp-3); wSSII for the 100 - 105 kDa proteins (Sgp-1); and wSSIII for a soluble high molecular starch synthase.

The present invention provides cDNA and genomic clones encoding the wSSII and wSSIII polypeptides and the corresponding genomic clones. Whilst the evidence is compelling that the wSSIIA, wSSIIB and wSSIID cDNAs encode the Sgp-A1, Sgp-B1 and Sgp-D1 proteins of the wheat starch granule, molecular weights calculated from the deduced amino acid sequences of the clones are considerably lower than estimates obtained from SDS-PAGE. The molecular weight of the precursor wSSIIA protein is 87,229 Da, and the mature protein 81,164 Da, yet the estimated molecular weight in our experience is 105 kDa. The assignment of the wSSIIA cDNA to the A-genome of wheat is demonstrated in Figure 5, and the assignment of the 105 kDa protein to the A-genome in Denyer *et al.* (1995) and Yamamori and Endo (1996). Similarly, the molecular weight of the wSSIIB protein is 86,790 Da and the mature protein 80,759 Da, yet the molecular weight of the Sgp-B1 protein is estimated to be 100 kDa. No comparison can be made of the wSSIID sequences as a full length cDNA clone was not obtained. The wSSIIA and wSSIIB amino acid sequences differ by just a single amino acid residue, yet there is an apparent difference of 5 kDa in molecular weight when estimated by SDS-PAGE. Several possibilities can be advanced to account for this apparent discrepancy in molecular weights. Firstly, the wSSII proteins may not migrate in SDS-PAGE in accordance with their molecular weight because they

retain some conformation under the denaturing conditions used. Secondly, the proteins may be glycosylated. It is also possible that the proteins may be non-covalently linked to starch through a high affinity starch binding site which survives denaturation and SDS-PAGE. Differences between the apparent molecular weights and those calculated from the deduced amino acid sequences will have to be defined in establishing the relationship between the wSSII proteins and proteins encoded by the analogous SSII genes of other species.

The catalytic domain of the starch synthases is found at the C-terminal end of the protein (Gao *et al.*, 1998; Harn *et al.*, 1998). Harn *et al.* (1998) identified 7 conserved regions among SSIIa, SSIIb, SSI and GBSS sequences. We have identified an additional conserved region (designated region 5a in Table 4 and Figure 10) comprising the amino acid sequence motif DVQLVMLGTG, by a comparison of the wSSII and wSSIII sequences of the present invention with differing isoforms of other plant starch synthases (GBSS, SS1, SSII and SSIII). The conservation of eight peptide regions among the 4 classes of starch synthases is striking, in terms of their sequence homologies and their alignment.

Analysis of the wheat SSII genes shows that there is a motif, PVNGENK, which is repeated. The area surrounding the repeated PVNGENK motif is not homologous to maize SSIIa and the insertion of this region is responsible for the difference in length between the wheat SSII and maize SSIIa genes. In pea and potato SSII polypeptides, a PPP motif (Figure 3; residues 251-253 and 287-289 respectively) has been suggested to mark the end of the N-terminal region and to facilitate the flexibility of an "N-terminal arm". This motif is not found in either the maize or wheat SSII sequences.

The generation of a wheat line combining null alleles at each of the three wSSII loci, wSSIIA, wSSIIB and wSSIID, has been reported recently by Yamamori (1998). In this triple null line, the large starch granules were reported to be mostly deformed and a novel starch with high blue value was observed when stained with iodine, indicating that wSSII is a key enzyme for the synthesis of starch in wheat. Further analysis of the

starch derived from this triple null mutant is in progress.

Mutations in starch synthases are known in three other species. In pea, mutation in SSII gives rise to starch with altered granule morphology and an amylopectin which yields an oligosaccharide distribution with reduced chain length on debranching, compared to the wild type (Craig *et al.*, 1998). A similar mutation in a gene designated SSII is known in *Chlamydomonas* (the *sta*-3 mutation) and similar effects on granule morphology and amylopectin structure are observed (Fontaine *et al.*, 1993). In maize, two mutations affecting starch synthases are known. First, the *dull1* mutation has been shown to be caused by a lesion within the *du*1 SSIII-type starch synthase gene (Gao *et al.*, 1998). A second mutation, the *sugary*-2 mutation yields a starch with reduced amylopectin chain lengths on debranching (this mutation co-segregates with the SSIIa locus (Harn *et al.*, 1998) although direct evidence that the *sugary*-2 mutation is caused by a lesion in the SSIIa gene is lacking). In the SSII mutants of each of these species, amylose biosynthesis capacity is retained, suggesting different roles in amylose and amylopectin synthesis for the GBSS and SSII genes. Given the conservation in overall organisation of the GBSS and SSII genes (see Figures 12 and 13), when an alignment is made based on the KTGGL motif of the first conserved region, this focuses attention on the role(s) of the N-terminal region in defining substrate specificity and the localisation of the proteins as the N-terminal region is the major area of divergence between the 4 classes of starch synthases. However, it is premature to exclude the influence of more subtle mutations in central and C-terminal regions of the gene.

The cloning of the wSSII and wSSIII cDNAs and genomic clones described herein provides useful tools for the further study of the roles of the starch synthases in wheat. Firstly, they provide a source of markers which can be used to recover and combine null or divergent alleles. Secondly, genetic manipulation of wheat by gene suppression or over-expression can be carried out, and the genes may be used for over expression in other species. The promoter regions of these genes are also useful in regulating the expression of starch synthase genes and other heterologous genes in the developing wheat endosperm and in pre-anthesis florets of wheat.

TABLE 6

Summary of the Wheat Starch Synthase III Genomic Sequence

Fragment in genomic DNA clone	Length (bp)	Features in SEQ ID NOS:11 to 16	Corresponding region in cDNA sequence
Fragment 1 (SEQ ID NO: 11)	728	Translation start codon (nucleotides 287 to 289); Exon 1.1 (nucleotides 260 to 385).	Exon 1.1: nucleotides 1 to 126
Fragment 2 (SEQ ID NO: 12)	2446	Exon 2.1 (nucleotides 1 to 1938); Exon 2.2 (nucleotides 2197 to 2418).	Exon 2.1: nucleotides 1008 to 2948; Exon 2.2: nucleotides 2949 to 3171
Fragment 3 (SEQ ID NO: 13)	1032	Exon 3.1 (nucleotides 310 to 580)	Exon 3.1: nucleotides 3172 to 3440
Fragment 4 (SEQ ID NO: 14)	892	Exon 4.1 (nucleotides 678 to 853)	Exon 4.1: nucleotides 3441 to 3616
Fragment 5 (SEQ ID NO: 15)	871	Partial Exon 5.1 (nucleotides 1 to 29) Exon 5.2 (nucleotides 293 to 463) Exon 5.3 (nucleotides 589 to 695)	Exon 5.1: nucleotides 3908 to 3937 (partial) Exon 5.2: nucleotides 3938 to 4108 Exon 5.3: nucleotides 4109 to 4215
Fragment 6 (SEQ ID NO: 16)	1583	Exon 6.1 (nucleotides 471 to 653); Exon 6.2 (nucleotides 770 to 902); Exon 6.3 (nucleotides 999 to 1110); Exon 6.4 (nucleotides 1201 to 1328); Partial Exon 6.5 (nucleotides 1408 to 1583); Translation stop codon (nucleotides 1536 to 1538)	Exon 6.1: nucleotides 4238 to 4420 Exon 6.2: nucleotides 4421 to 4552 Exon 6.3: nucleotides 4553 to 4664 Exon 6.4: nucleotides 4665 to 4793 Exon 6.5: nucleotides 4794 to 4966 (partial)

TABLE 7

Structural features of the wheat starch synthase III genomic gene

Nucleotide Position in SEQ ID NO: 38	Feature	Length (bases)
1- 973	5'-untranscribed region and promoter sequence	973
974 - 1099	exon 1	126
1001-1003	translation start codon (ATG)	3
1100 - 2056	intron 1	957
2057 - 2120	exon 2	64
2121 - 2588	intron 2	468
2589 - 5291	exon 3	2703
5292 - 5549	intron 3	258
5550 - 5767	exon 4	218
5768 - 6103	intron 4	336
6104 - 6374	exon 5	271
6375 - 7148	intron 5	774
7149 - 7324	exon 6	176
7325 - 7438	intron 6	114
7439 - 7546	exon 7	108
7547 - 7792	intron 7	246
7793 - 7902	exon 8	110
7903 - 8797	intron 8	895
8798 - 8900	exon 9	103
8901 - 9164	intron 9	264
9165 - 9335	exon 10	171
9336 - 9460	intron 10	125
9461 - 9589	exon 11	129
9590 - 9677	intron 11	88

9678 - 9860	exon 12	183
9861 - 9977	intron 12	117
9978 - 10109	exon 13	132
10110 - 10205	intron 13	96
10206 - 10317	exon 14	112
10318 - 10407	intron 14	90
10408 - 10536	exon 15	129
10537 - 10618	intron 15	82
10619 - 11146	exon 16	128
10744 - 10746	translation stop codon (TGA)	3
11147 - 11611	3'-untranscribed region	465

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CLAIMS:

1. An isolated nucleic acid molecule which comprises a sequence of nucleotides selected from the group consisting of:

(i) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 or the protein-encoding region thereof or a degenerate nucleotide sequence thereto;

(ii) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3 or the protein-encoding region thereof or a degenerate nucleotide sequence thereto;

(iii) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5 or the protein-encoding region thereof or a degenerate nucleotide sequence thereto;

(iv) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 7 or the protein-encoding region thereof or a degenerate nucleotide sequence thereto;

(v) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 9 or the protein-encoding region thereof or a degenerate nucleotide sequence thereto;

(vi) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 11 or the protein-encoding region thereof or a degenerate nucleotide sequence thereto;

(vii) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 12 or the protein-encoding region thereof or a degenerate nucleotide sequence thereto;

(viii) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 13 or the protein-encoding region thereof or a degenerate nucleotide sequence thereto;

(ix) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 14 or the protein-encoding region thereof or a degenerate nucleotide sequence thereto;

(x) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 15 or the protein-encoding region thereof or a degenerate nucleotide sequence thereto;

(xi) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 16 or the protein-encoding region thereof or a degenerate nucleotide sequence thereto;

(xii) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 37 or the protein-encoding region thereof or a degenerate nucleotide sequence thereto;

(xiii) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 38 or the protein-encoding

region thereof or a degenerate nucleotide sequence thereto;

(xiv) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 11 or the protein-encoding region thereof or a degenerate nucleotide sequence thereto;

(xv) a nucleotide sequence which encodes a wheat starch synthase polypeptide as hereinbefore defined wherein said nucleotide sequence has at least about 85% identity overall to any one of (i) to (xiv); and

(xvi) a nucleotide sequence which is complementary to any one of (i) to (xv).

2. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 wherein the wheat starch synthase polypeptide further comprises one or more amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KVGGLGDVVTS;

(b) GHTVEVILPKY;

(c) HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY;

(d) GILNGIDPDIWDPYTD;

(e) DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG;

(f) NGQVVLLGSA;

(g)AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLTQLVAMRYGS;

(h)TGGLVDTV;

(i) KTGGLGDVAGA;

(j) GHRVMVVVPRY;

(k) NDWHTALLPVYLKAYY;

(l) GIVNGIDNMEWNPEVD;

(m) DVPLLGFIGRLDGQKG;

(n) DVQLVMLGTG;

(o)AGADALLMPSRF(E/V)PCGLNQLYAMAYGT; and

(p)VGG(V/L)RDTV.

3. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 2 wherein the wheat starch synthase polypeptide comprises at least three of said amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of (a) to (h).

4. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 2 wherein the wheat starch synthase polypeptide comprises at least six of said amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of (i) to (p).

5. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 encoding a wheat starch synthase II polypeptide.

6. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 encoding a wheat starch synthase III polypeptide.

7. An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a starch synthase polypeptide which comprises one or more amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of:

(a) GHTVEVILPKY;

(b) HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY;

(c) DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG;

(d) NGQVVLLGSA;

(e)AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLTQLVAMRYGS;

(f)TGGLVDTV;

(g) GIVNGIDNMEWNPEVD; and

(h) AGADALLMPSRF(E/V)PCGLNQLYAMAYGT.

8. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 5 encoding a wheat starch synthase II polypeptide which comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(i) SEQ ID NO: 2;

(ii) SEQ ID NO: 4;

(iii) SEQ ID NO: 6; and

(iv) a homologue of any one of (i) to (iii) having at least about 85% identity thereto.

9. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 6 encoding a wheat starch synthase III polypeptide which comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(i) SEQ ID NO: 8;

(ii) SEQ ID NO: 10; and

(iii) a homologue of (i) or (ii) having at least about 85% identity thereto.

10. A probe or primer comprising at least about 15 contiguous nucleotides in length derived from the nucleotide sequence according to claim 1.

11. The probe or primer according to claim 10 comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(i) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 25;

(ii) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 26;

(iii) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 27;

(iv) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 28;

(v) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 29;

(vi) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 30;

(vii) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 31;

(viii) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 32;

(ix) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 33;

(x) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 34;

(xi) a nucleotide sequence which encodes an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KVGGLGDVVTS;

(b) GHTVEVILPKY;

(c) HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY;

(d) GILNGIDPDIWDPYTD;

(e) DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG;

(f) NGQVVLLGSA;

(g)AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLTQLVAMRYGS;

(h)TGGLVDTV;

(i) KTGGLGDVAGA;

(j) GHRVMVVVPRY;

(k) NDWHTALLPVYLKAYY;

(l) GIVNGIDNMEWNPEVD;

(m) DVPLLGFIGRLDGQKG;

(n) DVQLVMLGTG;

(o)AGADALLMPSRF(E/V)PCGLNQLYAMAYGT; and

(p)VGG(V/L)RDTV;

(xii) a nucleotide sequence comprising at least about 15 contiguous nucleotides of an intron region of SEQ ID NO: 37;

(xiii) a nucleotide sequence comprising at least about 15 contiguous nucleotides of an intron region of SEQ ID NO: 38; and

(xiv) a nucleotide sequence which is complementary to any one of (i) to (xiii).

12. An isolated or recombinant polypeptide, protein or enzyme comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the following:

(i) the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 or the mature protein region thereof;

(ii) the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4 or the mature protein region thereof;

(iii) the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 6 or the mature protein region thereof;

(iv) the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 8 or the mature protein region thereof;

(v) the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 10 or the mature protein region thereof;

(vi) a wheat starch synthase polypeptide having at least about 85% identity overall to any one of (i) to (v).

13. The isolated or recombinant polypeptide according to claim 12 further comprising one or more amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KVGGLGDVVTS;

(b) GHTVEVILPKY;

(c) HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY;

(d) GILNGIDPDIWDPYTD;

(e) DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG;

(f) NGQVVLLGSA;

(g)AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLTQLVAMRYGS;

(h)TGGLVDTV;

(i) KTGGLGDVAGA;

(j) GHRVMVVVPRY;

(k) NDWHTALLPVYLKAYY;

(l) GIVNGIDNMEWNPEVD;

(m) DVPLLGFIGRLDGQKG;

(n) DVQLVMLGTG;

(o)AGADALLMPSRF(E/V)PCGLNQLYAMAYGT; and

(p)VGG(V/L)RDTV.

14. The isolated or recombinant polypeptide according to claim 13 wherein the wheat starch synthase polypeptide comprises at least three of said amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of (a) to (h).

15. The isolated or recombinant polypeptide according to claim 13 wherein the wheat starch synthase polypeptide comprises at least six of said amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of (i) to (p).

16. The isolated or recombinant polypeptide according to claim 12 encoding a wheat starch synthase II polypeptide.

17. The isolated or recombinant polypeptide according to claim 12 encoding a wheat starch synthase III polypeptide.

18. An isolated or recombinant starch synthase polypeptide which comprises one or more amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of:

(a) GHTVEVILPKY;

(b) HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY;

(c) DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG;

(d) NGQVVLLGSA;

(e)AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLTQLVAMRYGS;

(f)TGGLVDTV;

(g) GIVNGIDNMEWNPEVD; and

(h) AGADALLMPSRF(E/V)PCGLNQLYAMAYGT.

19. The isolated or recombinant polypeptide according to claim 16 consisting of a wheat starch synthase II polypeptide which comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(i) SEQ ID NO: 2;

(ii) SEQ ID NO: 4;

(iii) SEQ ID NO: 6; and

(iv) a homologue of any one of (i) to (iii) having at least about 85% identity thereto.

20. The isolated or recombinant polypeptide according to claim 17 consisting of a wheat starch synthase III polypeptide which comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(i) SEQ ID NO: 8;

(ii) SEQ ID NO: 10; and

(iii) a homologue of (i) or (ii) having at least about 85% identity thereto.

21. The isolated or recombinant polypeptide according to claim 12 substantially free of conspecific or non-specific proteins.

22. A method comprising:

(i) hybridising single-stranded or double-stranded mRNA, cDNA or genomic DNA with a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the nucleotide sequence according to any one of claims 1 to 9;

(b) a probe or primer derived from a nucleotide sequence according to sub-paragraph (a) and comprising at least about 15 contiguous nucleotides of said nucleotide sequence in length; and

(ii) detecting the hybridised mRNA, cDNA or genomic DNA using a detecting means.

23. The method according to claim 22 wherein the detecting means consists of a reporter molecule covalently attached to the probe or primer molecule.

24. The method according to claim 22 wherein the detecting means consists of a polymerase chain reaction.

25. The method according to claim 22 wherein the probe or primer comprises a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(i) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 25;

(ii) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 26;

(iii) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 27;

(iv) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 28;

(v) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 29;

(vi) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 30;

(vii) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 31;

(viii) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 32;

(ix) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 33;

(x) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 34;

(xi) a nucleotide sequence which encodes an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) KVGGLGDVVTS;

(b) GHTVEVILPKY;

(c) HDWSSAPVAWLYKEHY;

(d) GILNGIDPDIWDPYTD;

(e) DVPIVGIITRLTAQKG;

(f) NGQVVLLGSA;

(g)AGSDFIIVPSIFEPCGLTQLVAMRYGS;

(h)TGGLVDTV;

(i) KTGGLGDVAGA;

(j) GHRVMVVVPRY;

(k) NDWHTALLPVYLKAYY;

(l) GIVNGIDNMEWNPEVD;

(m) DVPLLGFIGRLDGQKG;

(n) DVQLVMLGTG;

(o)AGADALLMPSRF(E/V)PCGLNQLYAMAYGT; and

(p)VGG(V/L)RDTV;

(xii) a nucleotide sequence comprising at least about 15 contiguous nucleotides of an intron region of SEQ ID NO: 37;

(xiii) a nucleotide sequence comprising at least about 15 contiguous nucleotides of an intron region of SEQ ID NO: 38; and

(xiv) a nucleotide sequence which is complementary to any one of (i) to (xiii).

26. A method of assaying for the presence or absence of a wheat starch synthase polypeptide in a plant or a plant extract or isolated nucleic acid sample, said method at least comprising performing the method according to any one of claims 22 to 25.

27. The method according to claim 26 further comprising preparing the plant extract or nucleic acid sample.

28. A method of marker-assisted breeding and/or selection of a plant at least comprising performing the method according to any one of claims 22 to 25.

29. The method according to claim 28 further comprising selecting a plant which expresses a desirable wheat starch synthase characteristic.

30. The method according to claim 28 further comprising crossing a plant which expresses a desirable wheat starch synthase characteristic to another plant.

31. The method according to claim 30 further comprising selecting progeny of the cross

which expresses a desirable wheat starch synthase characteristic.

32. A plant produced by the method according to any one of claims 28 to 31 wherein said plant expresses a wheat starch synthase polypeptide at a desired level detectable using said method.

33. A method of modifying the starch content and/or starch composition of one or more tissues or organs of a plant, comprising expressing in said plant a nucleic acid molecule for a time and under conditions sufficient for the enzyme activity of one or more starch synthase isoenzymes to be modified, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is selected from the group consisting of:

(i) the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 9;

(ii) a fragment of (i) which comprises a nucleotide sequence capable of being expressed to down-regulate the expression of an endogenous wheat starch synthase isoenzyme of said plant; and

(iii) a fragment of (i) which encodes a functional wheat starch synthase isoenzyme of said plant.

34. The method according to claim 33 wherein the fragment at sub-paragraph (ii) is an antisense molecule, ribozyme molecule, co-suppression molecule, or gene-targeting molecule.

35. The method according to claim 33 further comprising introducing the nucleic acid molecule to an isolated plant cell, tissue, organ, or organelle.

36. The method according to claim 35 further comprising regenerating an intact plant from the isolated plant cell, tissue, organ, or organelle carrying the introduced nucleic acid molecule.

37. The method according to claim 35 wherein the nucleic acid molecule is introduced to the plant cell, tissue, organ, or organelle by introgression.

38. The method according to claim 35 wherein the nucleic acid molecule is introduced to the plant cell, tissue, organ, or organelle by transformation means.

39. An isolated promoter sequence comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(i) nucleotides 1 to about 287 of SEQ ID NO: 11;

(ii) nucleotides 1 to about 1416 of SEQ ID NO: 37;

(iii) nucleotides 1 to about 973 of SEQ ID NO: 38;

(iv) a fragment of any one of (i) to (iii) capable of conferring expression on a heterologous gene in a monocotyledonous plant cell, tissue or organ; and

(v) a complementary nucleotide sequence to any one of (i) to (iv).

40. The isolated promoter sequence according to claim 39 that is operable in the endosperm.

41. A plant carrying the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 9 as an exogenous complement to its genome.

42. A progeny of the plant according to claim 41 wherein said progeny carries the introduced nucleic acid molecule.

43. A propagule of the plant according to claim 41 or 42 wherein said propagule carries the

introduced nucleic acid molecule present in said plant.

44. A gene construct or vector which comprises the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 9 and one or more origins of replication.

45. The gene construct according to claim 44 further comprising a promoter sequence in operable connection with said isolated nucleic acid molecule.

46. A gene construct or vector which comprises the probe or primer according to claim 10 or 11 and one or more origins of replication.

47. A modified starch derived from the plant according to claim 32 or 41 wherein said starch is modified by virtue of the use of the isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1 to produce said plant.

48. A modified starch derived from the progeny according to claim 42 wherein said starch is modified by virtue of the use of the isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1 to produce said progeny.

49. A modified starch derived from the propagule according to claim 43 wherein said starch is modified by virtue of the use of the isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1 to produce said propagule.

50. A food product comprising the modified starch according to any one of claims 47 to 49.

51. The food product according to claim 50 consisting of flour or a flour-based food product.

52. The food product according to claim 50 or 51 selected from the group consisting of: flour-based sauce; leavened bread; unleavened bread; pasta, noodle; cereal; snack food; cake; and pastry.

53. Use of the modified starch according to any one of claims 47 to 49 in the preparation of a food product for consumption by an animal or human.

54. A modified protein derived from the plant according to claim 32 or 41 wherein said protein is modified by virtue of the use of the isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1 to produce said plant.

55. A modified protein derived from the progeny according to claim 42 wherein said protein is modified by virtue of the use of the isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1 to produce said progeny.

56. A modified protein derived from the propagule according to claim 43 wherein said protein is modified by virtue of the use of the isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1 to produce said propagule.

57. A non-food product comprising the modified protein according to any one of claims 54 to 56.

58. The non-food product according to claim 57 selected from the group consisting of: films; coatings; adhesives; building materials; and packaging materials.

59. Use of the modified protein according to any one of claims 54 to 56 in the preparation of a non-food product.

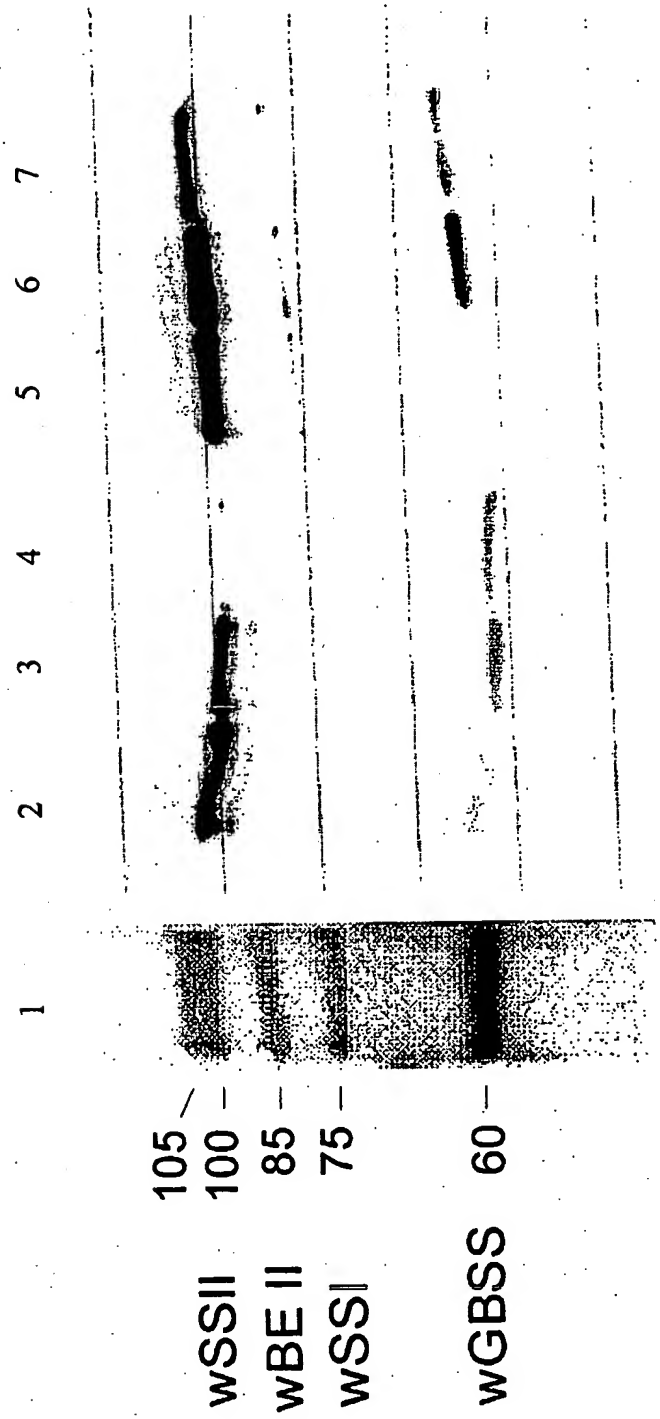

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FIGURE 2

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        1                                                        50
wSSIIB  ATTTCCTCGG CCTGACCCCG TGCGTTTACC CCACACAGAG CACACTCCAG
wSSIID  ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
wSSIIA  ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~

        51                                                      100
wSSIIB  TCCAGTCCAG CCCACTGCCG CGCTACTCCC CACTCCCACT GCCACCACCT
wSSIID  ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
wSSIIA  ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~GCT GCCACCACCT

        101                                                     150
wSSIIB  CCGCcTGCGC CGCGCTCTGG GCGGACCAAC CCGCGCATCG TATCACGATC
wSSIID  ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
wSSIIA  CCGCCTGCGC CGCGCTCTGG GCGGAGGACC AACCCGCGCA TCGTACCATC

        151                                                     200
wSSIIB  ACCCACCCCG ATCCCGGCCG CCGCCATGTC GTCGGCGGTC GCGTCCGCCG
wSSIID  ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
wSSIIA  GCCCGCCCCG ATCCCGGCCG CCGCCATGTC GTCGGCGGTC GCGTCCGCCG
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FIGURE 2A

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        201                                                        250
wSSIIB  CGTCCTTCCT CGCGCTCGCG TCCGCCTCCC CCGGGAGATC ACGGAGGAGG
wSSIID  ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
wSSIIA  CGTCCTTCCT CGCGCTCGCC TCCGCCTCCC CCGGGAGATC ACGCAGGCGG

        251                                                        300
wSSIIB  ACGAGGGTGA GCGCGTCGCC ACCCCACACC GGGGCTGGCA GGTTGCACTG
wSSIID  ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
wSSIIA  GCGAGGGTGA GCGCGCCGCC ACCCCACGCC GGGGCCGGCA GGCTGCACTG

        301                                                        350
wSSIIB  GCCGCCGTCG CCGCCGCAGC GCACGGCTCG CGACGGAGCG GTGGCCGCGC
wSSIID  ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
wSSIIA  GCCGCCGTGG CCGCCGCAGC GCACGGCTCG CGACGGAGGT GTGGCCGCGC

        351                                                        400
wSSIIB  GCGCCGCCGG GAAGAAGGAC GCGGGGAT.. .CGACGACGC CGCGCCCGCG
wSSIID  ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
wSSIIA  GCGCCGCCGG GAAGAAGGAC GCGAGGGTCG ACGACGACGC CGCGTCCGCG
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FIGURE 2B

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          401                                                        450
wSSIIB    AGGCAGCCCC GCGCACTCCG CGGTGGCGCC GCCACCAAGG TTGCGGAGCG
wSSIID    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
wSSIIA    AGGCAGCCCC GCGCACGCCG CGGTGGCGCC GcCACCAAGG TCGCGGAGCG

          451                                                        500
wSSIIB    GAGGGATCCC GTCAAGACGC TCGATCGCGA CGCCGCGGAA GGTGGCGCGC
wSSIID    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
wSSIIA    GAGGGATCCC GTCAAGACGC TCGATCGCGA CGCCGCGGAA GGTGGCGCGC

          501                                                        550
wSSIIB    CGTCCCCGCC GGCACCGAGG CAGGAGGACG CCCGTCTGCC GAGCATGAAC
wSSIID    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
wSSIIA    CGGCACCGCC GGCACCGAGG CAGGACGCCG CCCGTCCaCC GAGTATGAAC

          551                                                        600
wSSIIB    GGCATGCCGG TGAACGGTGA AAACAAATCT ACCGGCGGCG GCGGCGCGAC
wSSIID    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
wSSIIA    GGCACGCCGG TGAACGGTGA GAACAAATCT ACCGGCGGCG GCGGCGCGAC
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FIGURE 2C

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          601                                                        650
wSSIIB    TAAAGACAGC GGGCTGCCCG CACCCGCACG CGCGCCCCAG CCGTCGAGCC
wSSIID    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
wSSIIA    cAAAGACAGC GGGCTgcCCG CACCCGcACG CGCGCCCCAT cCGTCGAcCC

          651                                                        700
wSSIIB    AGAACAGAGT ACCGGTGAAT GGTGAAAACA AAGCTAACGT CGCCTCGCCG
wSSIID    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
wSSIIA    AgAACAgAGT ACCAGTGAAC GGTGAAAACA AAGCTAACGT CGCCTCGCCG

          701                                                        750
wSSIIB    CCGACGAGCA TAGCCGAGGT CGCGGCTCCG GATCCCGCAG CTACCATTTC
wSSIID    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
wSSIIA    CCGACGAGCA TAGCCGAGGT CGTGGCTCCG GATTCCGCAG CTACCATTTC

          751                                                        800
wSSIIB    CATCAGTGAC AAGGCGCCAG AGTCCGTTGT CCCAGCCGAG AAGGcgccgc
wSSIID    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~CCAGCTGAG AAGACGCCGC
wSSIIA    CATCAGTGAC AAGGCGCCGG AGTCCGTTGT CCCAGCCGAG AAGCCGCCGC
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FIGURE 2D

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     801                                                        850
wSSIIB  CGtCgtcCgg CtcAAATtTc gtgCcCtCgg cttctGctCc cggGtctGAC
wSSIID  CGTCGTCCGG CTCAAATTTC GAGTCCTCGG CCTCTGCTCC CGGGTCTGAC
wSSIIA  CGTCGTCCGG CTCAAATTTC GTGgTCTCGG CTTCTGCTCC CAGGCTGGAC

        851                                                 900
wSSIIB  actgtCaGCG acGtGGaact TgaActGAAg aAGGGtgCgg tCattgTcaA
wSSIID  ACTGTCAGCG ACGTGGAACA AGAACTGAAG AAGGGTGCGG TCGTTGTCGA
wSSIIA  ATTGACAGCG ATGTTGAACC TGAACTGAAG AAGGGTGCGG TCATCGTCGA

        901                                                 950
wSSIIB  aGAAgcTcCa aaCcCaAaGG CTCTTTCGCC GCCCGCAGCA CCCGCTGTAC
wSSIID  AGAAGCTCCA AAGCCAAAGG CTCTTTCGCC GCCtGCAGCc CCCGCTGTAC
wSSIIA  AGAAGCTCCA AACCCAAAGG CTCTTTCGCC GCCTGCAGCC CCCGCTGTAC

        951                                                1000
wSSIIB  AACAAGACCT TTGGGACTTC AAGAAATACA TTGGTTTCGA GGAGCCCGTG
wSSIID  AAgAAGACCT TTGGGAtTTC AAGAAATACA TTGGTTTCGA GGAGCCCGTG
wSSIIA  AAGAAGACCT TTGGGACTTC AAGAAATACA TTGGCTTCGA GGAGCCCGTG
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FIGURE 2E

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          1001                                                    1050
wSSIIB    GAGGCCAAGG ATGATGGCCG GGCTGTTGCA GATGATGCGG GCTCCTTCGA
wSSIID    GAGGCCAAGG ATGATGGCCG GGCTGTcGCA GATGATGCGG GCTCCTTtGA
wSSIIA    GAGGCCAAGG ATGATGGCTG GGCTGTTGCA GATGATGCGG GCTCCTTTGA

          1051                                                    1100
wSSIIB    ACACCACCAG AATCACGATT CCGGGCCTTT GGCAGGGGAG AACGTCATGA
wSSIID    ACACCACCAG AATCACGAcT CCGGaCCTTT GGCAGGGGAG AAtGTCATGA
wSSIIA    ACATCACCAG AACCATGATT CCGGACCTTT GGCAGGGGAG AACGTCATGA

          1101                                                    1150
wSSIIB    ACGTGGTCGT CGTGGCTGCT GAATGTTCTC CCTGGTGCAA AACAGGTGGT
wSSIID    ACGTGGTCGT CGTGGCTGCT GAgTGTTCTC CCTGGTGCAA AACAGGTGGT
wSSIIA    ACGTGGTCGT CGTGGCTGCT GAATGTTCTC CCTGGTGCAA AACAGGTGGT

          1151                                                    1200
wSSIIB    CTTGGAGATG TTGCCGGTGC TTTGCCCAAG GCTTTGGCGA AGAGAGGACA
wSSIID    CTgGGAGATG TTGCgGGTGC TcTGCCCAAG GCTTTGGCaA AGAGAGGACA
wSSIIA    CTTGGAGATG TTGCCGGTGC TTTGCCCAAG GCTTTGGCGA AGAGAGGACA
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FIGURE 2F

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        1201                                                        1250
wSSIIB  TCGTGTTATG GTTGTGGTAC CAAGGTATGG GGACTATGAG GAAGCCTACG
wSSIID  TCGTGTTATG GTTGTGGTAC CAAGGTATGG GGACTATGAa GAACCTACGg
wSSIIA  TCGTGTTATG GTTGTGGTAC CAAGGTATGG GGACTATGAG GAAGCCTACG

        1251                                                        1300
wSSIIB  ATGTCGGAGT CCGAAAATAC TACAAGGCTG CTGGACAGGA TATGGAAGTG
wSSIID  ATGTCGGAGT CCGAAAATAC TACAAGGCTG CTGGACAGGA TATGGAAGTG
wSSIIA  ATGTCGGAGT CCGAAAATAC TACAAGGCTG CTGGACAGGA TATGGAAGTG

        1301                                                        1350
wSSIIB  AATTATTTCC ATGCTTATAT CGATGGAGTT GATTTTGTGT TCATTGACGC
wSSIID  AATTATTTCC ATGCTTaTAT CGATGGAGTT GATTTTGTGT TCATTGACGC
wSSIIA  AATTATTTCC ATGCTTATAT CGATGGAGTT GATTTTGTGT TCATTGACGC

        1351                                                        1400
wSSIIB  TCCTCTCTTC CGACACCGCC AGGAAGACAT TTATGGGGGC AGCAGACAGG
wSSIID  TCCTCTCTTC CGACACCGAG AGGAAGACAT TTATGGGGGC AGCAGACAGG
wSSIIA  TCCTCTCTTC CGACACCGCC AGGAAGACAT TTATGGGGGC AGCAGACAGG
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FIGURE 2G

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          1401                                                      1450
wSSIIB    AAATTATGAA GCGCATGATT TTGTTCTGCA AGGCCGCTGT CGAGGTTCCA
wSSIID    AAATTATGAA GCGCATGATT TTGTTCTGCA AGGCCGCTGT TGAGGTTCCA
wSSIIA    AAATTATGAA GCGCATGATT TTGTTCTGCA AGGCCGCTGT CGAGGTTCCT

          1451                                                      1500
wSSIIB    TGGCACGTTC CATGCGGCGG TGTCCCTTAT GGGGATGGAA ATCTGGTGTT
wSSIID    TGGCACGTTC CATGCGGCGG TGTCCCTTAT GGGGATGGAA ATCTGGTGTT
wSSIIA    TGGCACGTTC CATGCGGCGG TGTCCCTTAT GGGGATGGAA ATCTGGTGTT

          1501                                                      1550
wSSIIB    TATTGCAAAT GATTGGCACA CGGCACTCCT GCCTGTCTAT CTGAAAGCAT
wSSIID    TATTGCAAAT GATTGGCACA CGGCACTCCT GCCTGTCTAT CTGAAAGCAT
wSSIIA    TATTGCAAAT GATTGGCACA CGGCACTCCT GCCTGTCTAT CTGAAAGCAT

          1551                                                      1600
wSSIIB    ATTACAGGGA CCATGGTTTG ATGCAGTACA CTCGGTCCAT TATGGTGATA
wSSIID    ATTACAGGGA CCATGGTTTG ATGCAGTACA CTCGGTCCAT TATGGTGATA
wSSIIA    ATTACAGGGA CCATGGTTTG ATGCAGTACA CTCGGTCCAT TATGGTGATA
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FIGURE 2H

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        1601                                                    1650
wSSIIB  CATAACATCG CTCACCAGGG CCGTGGCCCA GTAGATGAGT TCCCGTTCAC
wSSIID  CATAACATCG CTCACCAGGG CCGTGGCCCT GTAGATGAAT TCCCGTTCAC
wSSIIA  CATAACATCG CGCACCAGGG CCGTGGCCCA GTAGATGAAT TCCCGTTCAC

        1651                                                    1700
wSSIIB  CGAGTTGCCT GAGCACTACC TGGAACACTT CAGACTGTAC GACCCCGTGG
wSSIID  CGAGTTGCCT GAGCACTACC TGGAACACTT CAGACTGTAC GACCCCGTGG
wSSIIA  CGAGTTGCCT GAGCACTACC TGGAACACTT CAGACTGTAC GACCCCGTGG

        1701                                                    1750
wSSIIB  GTGGTGAACA CGCCAACTAC TTCGCCGCCG GCCTGAAGAT GGCGGACCAG
wSSIID  GTGGTGAACA CGCCAACTAC TTCGCCGCCG GCCTGAAGAT GGCGGACCAG
wSSIIA  GTGGTGAGCA CGCCAACTAC TTCGCCGCCG GCCTgAAGAT GgCGGACCAG

        1751                                                    1800
wSSIIB  GTTGTCGTCG TGAGCCCGGG GTACCTGTGG GAGCTGAAGA CGGTGGAGGG
wSSIID  GTTGTCGTGG TGAGCCCCGG GTACCTGTGG GAGCTGAAGA CGGTGGAGGG
wSSIIA  GTTGTCGTGG TGAGCCCCGG GTACCTGTGG gAGCTCAAGA CGGTGGAgGG
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FIGURE 2I

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        1801                                                      1850
wSSIIB  CGGCTGGGGG CTTCACGACA TCATACGGCA GAACGACTGG AAGACCCGCG
wSSIID  CGGCTGGGGG CTTCACGACA TCATACGGCA GAACGACTGG AAGACCCGCG
wSSIIA  CGGCTGGGGG CTTCACGACA TCATACGGCA GAACGACTGG AAGACCCGCG

        1851                                                      1900
wSSIIB  GCATCGTGAA CGGCATCGAC AACATGGAGT GGAACCCCGA GGTGGACGTC
wSSIID  GCATCGTCAA CGGCATCGAC AACATGGAGT GGAACCCCGA GGTGGACGCC
wSSIIA  GCATCGTCAA CGGCATCGAC AACATGGAGT GGAACCCCGA GGTGGACGTC

        1901                                                      1950
wSSIIB  CACCTCAAGT CGGACGGCTA CACCAACTTC TCCCTGGGGA CGCTGGACTC
wSSIID  CACCTCAAGT CGGACGGCTA CACCAACTTC TCCCTGAGGA CGCTGGACTC
wSSIIA  CACCTCAAGT CGGACGGCTA CACCAACTTC TCCCTGGGGA CGCTGGACTC

        1951                                                      2000
wSSIIB  CGGCAAGCGG CAGTGCAAGG AGGCCCTGCA GCGGGAGCTG GGCCTGCAGG
wSSIID  CGGCAAGCGG CAGTGCAAGG AGGCCCTGCA GCGCGAGCTG GGCCTGCAGG
wSSIIA  CGGCAAGCGG CAGTGCAAGG AGGCCCTGCA GCGCGAGCTG GGCCTGCAGG
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FIGURE 2J

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          2001                                                      2050
wSSIIB    TCCGCGGCGA CGTGCCGCTG CTCGGCTTCA TCGGGCGCCT GGACGGGCAG
wSSIID    TCCGCGCCGA CGTGCCGCTG CTCGGCTTCA TCGGCCGCCT GGACGGGCAG
wSSIIA    TCCGCGCCGA CGTGCCGCTG CTCGGCTTCA TCGGCCGCCT GGACGGGCAG

          2051                                                      2100
wSSIIB    AAGGGCGTGG AGATCATCGC GGACGCGATG CCCTGGATCG TGAGCCAGGA
wSSIID    AAGGGCGTGG AGATCATCGC GGACGCCATG CCCTGGATCG TGAGCCAGGA
wSSIIA    AAGGGCGTGG AGATCATCGC GGACGCCATG CCCTGGaTCG TGAGCCAGgA

          2101                                                      2150
wSSIIB    CGTGCAGCTG GTCATGCTGG GCACCGGGCG CCACGACCTG GAGGGCATGC
wSSIID    CGTGCAGCTG GTGATGCTGG GCACCGGGCG CCACGACCTG GAGAGCATGC
wSSIIA    CGTGCAGCTG GTCATGCTGG GCACCGGCCG CCACGACcTG gAGAGCATGc

          2151                                                      2200
wSSIIB    TGCGGCACTT CGAGCGGGAG CACCACGACA AGGTGCGCGG GTGGGTGGGG
wSSIID    TGCAGCACTT CGAGCGGGAG CACCACGACA AGGTGCGCGG GTGGGTGGGG
wSSIIA    TgCGGCACTT CGAGCGGGAG CACCACGACA AGGTGCGCGG gTGGGTGGGG
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FIGURE 2K

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    2201                                                        2250
wSSIIB  TTCTCCGTGC GGCTGGCGCA CCGGATCACG GCCGGCGCCG ACGCGCTCCT
wSSIID  TTCTCCGTGC GCCTGGCGCA CCGGATCACG GCGGGGGCGG ACGCGCTCCT
wSSIIA  TTCTCCGTgc GccTGGCGCA CCGGATCACG GCGGGCGCCG ACGCGCTCcT

        2251                                                2300
wSSIIB  CATGCCCTCC CGGTTCGAGC CGTGCGGACT GAACCAGCTC TACGCCATGG
wSSIID  CATGCCCTCC CGGTTCGTGC CGTGCGGGCT GAACCAGCTC TACGCCATGG
wSSIIA  CATGCCCTCC CGGTTCGAgC CGTGCGGGTT GAACCAGCTt TACGCCATGG

        2301                                                2350
wSSIIB  CCTACGGCAC CGTCCCCGTC GTGCATGCCG TCGGTGGCCT GAGGGACACC
wSSIID  CCTACGGCAC CGTCCCCGTC GTGCACGCCG TCGGCGGCCT CAGGGACACC
wSSIIA  CCTACGGCAC CGTCCCCGTC GTGCACGCCG TCGGCGGGGT GAGGGACACC

        2351                                                2400
wSSIIB  GTGCCGCCGT TCGACCCCTT CAACCACTCC GGGCTCGGGT GGACGTTCGA
wSSIID  GTGCCGCCGT TCGACCCCTT CAACCACTCC GGGCTCGGGT GGACGTTCGA
wSSIIA  GTGCCGCCGT TCGACCCCTT CAACCACTCC GGcCTCGGGT GGACGTTCGA
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FIGURE 2L

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        2401                                                        2450
wSSIIB  CCGCGCAGAG GCGCAGAAGC TGATCGAGGC GCTCGGGCAC TGCCTCCGCA
wSSIID  CCGCGCCGAG GCGCACAAGC TGATCGAGGC GCTCGGGCAC TGCCTCCGCA
wSSIIA  CCGCGCcGAG GCGCAcAAGC TGATCGAGGC GCTCGGGCAC TGCCTCCGCA

        2451                                                        2500
wSSIIB  CCTACCGGGA CTACAAGGAG AGCTGGAGGG GGCTCCAGGA GCGCGGCATG
wSSIID  CCTACCGAGA CTTCAAGGAG AGCTGGAGGG CCCTCCAGGA GCGCGGCATG
wSSIIA  CCTACCGGGA CTACAAGGAG AGCTGGAGGG GcCTCCAGGA GCGCGGCATG

        2501                                                        2550
wSSIIB  TCGCAGGACT TCAGCTGGGA GCATGCCGCC AAGCTCTACG AGGACGTCCT
wSSIID  TCGCAGGACT TCAGCTGGGA GCACGCCGCC AAGCTCTACG AGGACGTCCT
wSSIIA  TCGCAGGACT TCAGCTGGGA GCATGCCGCC AAGCTCTACG AGGACGTCCT

        2551                                                        2600
wSSIIB  CGTCAAGGCC AAGTACCAGT GGTGAACGCT AGCTGCTAGC CGGTCCAGCC
wSSIID  CGTCAAGGCC AAGTACCAGT GGTGAACGCT AGCTGCTAGC CGCTCCAGCC
wSSIIA  CcTCAAGGCC AAGTACCAGT GGTGAACGCT AGCTGCTAGC CGcTCCAGCC
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FIGURE 2M

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        2601                                                    2650
wSSIIB  CCGCATGCG. ...TGCATGA CAGGATGGAA TTGCGCATTG CGCACGCAGG
wSSIID  CCGCATGCG. ...TGCATGA CAGGATGGAA CT..GCATTG CGCACGCAGG
wSSIIA  CCGCATGCGT GCATGcatgA gAGGgTGGAA cTGCGCATTG CGCcCGCAGG

        2651                                                    2700
wSSIIB  AAGGTGCCAT .......... .GGAGCGCCG GCATCCGCGA AGTACAGTGA
wSSIID  AAAGTGCCAT .......... .GGAGCGCCG GCATCCGCGA AGTACAGTGA
wSSIIA  AAcGTGCCAT ccttctcgat gGGAGCGCCG GCATCCGCGA gGTgCAGTGA

        2701                                                    2750
wSSIIB  CAT..GAGGT GTGTGTGGTT GAGACGCTGA TTC......C GATCTGGTCC
wSSIID  CAT..GAGGT GTGTGTGGTT GAGACGCTGA TTC......C AATCCGGCCC
wSSIIA  CATGAGagGT GTGTGTGGTT GAGACGCTGA TTCCGATCTc gatctGGTCC

        2751                                                    2800
wSSIIB  GTAGCAGAGT AGAGCGGAGG TAGGGAAGCG CTCCTTGTTA CAGGTATATG
wSSIID  GTAGCAGAGT AGAGCGGAGG TATATGGGAA TCTTAACTTG GTATTGTAAT
wSSIIA  GTAGCAGAGT AGAGCGGAcG TAGGGAAGCG CTCCTTGTTg CAGGTATATG
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FIGURE 2N

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        2801                                                      2850
wSSIIB  GGAATGTTGT TAACTTGGTA TTGTAATTTG TTATGTTGTG TGCATTATTA
wSSIID  TTGTTATGTT GTGTGCATTA TTACAATGTT GTTACTTATT CTTGTTAAGT
wSSIIA  GGAATGTTGT cAACTTGGTA TTGTAgTTTG cTATGTTGTa TGCgTTATTA

        2851                                                      2900
wSSIIB  CAGAGGGCAA CGATCTGCGC CGGCGCACCG GCCCAACTGT TGGGCCGGTC
wSSIID  CGGAGGCCAA GGGCGAAAGC TAGCTCACAT GTCTGATGGA TGCAAAAAAA
wSSIIA  caatgttgtt acttattctt gtTAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA AAAA~~~~~~

        2901                                                      2950
wSSIIB  GCACAGCAGC CGTTGGATCC GACCGCCTGG GCCGTTGGAT CCCACCGAAA
wSSIID  AAAAAAAAAA AAA~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
wSSIIA  ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~

        2951       2965
wSSIIB  AAAAAAAAAA AAAAA
wSSIID  ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~
wSSIIA  ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~
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FIGURE 2O

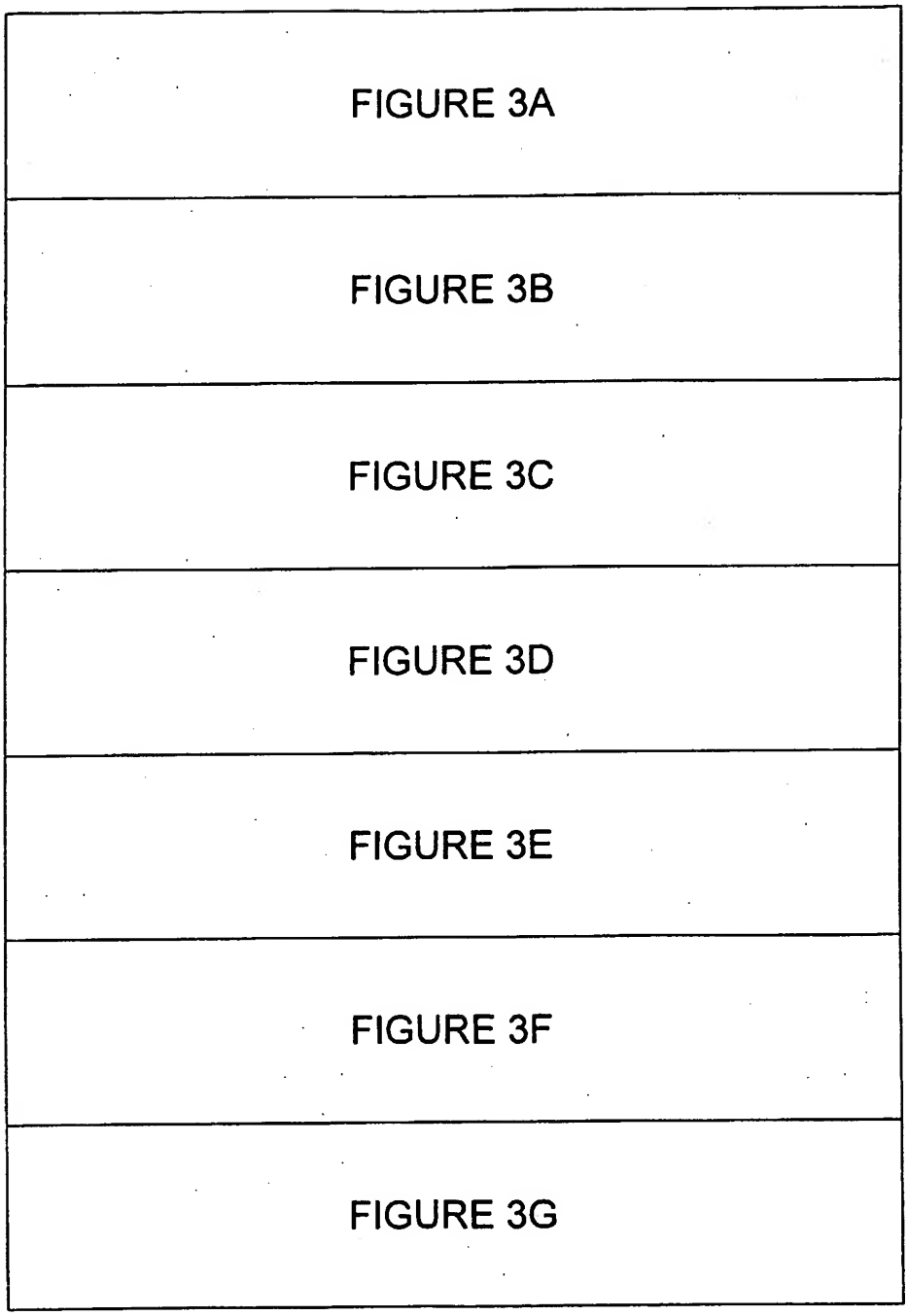
FIGURE 3A
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FIGURE 3

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WSSIIA    1 MSSAVASAAS ---FLALASA SP-GRSRRRA RVSAPPPHAG AGRL----HW PPWPP-QRTA  51
WSSIIB    1 ********** ---******* **-******T ****S***T* *********** **S**-****  51
WSSIID      ---------- ---------- ---------- ---------- ---------- ----------
ZSSIIA    1 ****AV*SS* STF******* **G**--*** **GSS*F*T* *-S*SFAFWA **S**RAPRD  57
ZSSIIB    1 *PG*-I*SS* SAFL*PV**S **---R***G S*G*ALRSY* YSGAELRL** ARRG*P*DG*  56
PEASSII   1 *MLSLG*D*T VLP*H*KNLK FTPKL*TLNG --DLAFSKGL GVGRLNCGSV ----------R  49
POTSSII  10 PVNFIFCDFY VMENSI*LHS GNQFHPNLPL ---LALRPKK LSLIHGSSRE ----------Q  57

                    ⇓ Transit peptide cleavage site
WSSIIA.  52 RDGGVAARAA GKKDARVDDD AASARQPRAR RGGAATKVAE RRDPVKTLDR DAAEGGAPAP 111
WSSIIB   52 ***A****** *****GI-** **P******L ********** ********** ********S* 110
WSSIID      ---------- ---------- ---------- ---------- ---------- ----------
ZSSIIA   58 AALVR*EAE* *G***PPERS GDA**L**** *----NA*SK ****------ ----------  97
ZSSIIB   57 -ASVR**A*P AGG------- ---------- ---------- ---------- ----------  68
PEASSII  50 LNHKQHV**V **SFGADENG DG*EDDVVNA TIEKSK**LA LQRELIQQIA ERKKLVSSID 109
POTSSII  58 MWRNQRVK*T *ENSGEAA-S *DESNDALQV TIEKSK**LA MQQDLLQQIA ERRKVVSSIK 116
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FIGURE 3A

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WSSIIA  112 PAPRQDAARP PSMNGTPVNG ENKSTGGGGA TKDSGLPAPA RAPHPSTQNR VPVNGENKAN 171
WSSIIB  111 *****ED**L *****M**** ********** ********** ***Q**S*** ********** 170
WSSIID      ---------- ---------- ---------- ---------- ---------- ----------
ZSSIIA   98 ---------- ---------- -----LQPVG RYG*ATGNT* *TGAA*C**A ALADV*I*SI 132
ZSSIIB   69 ---------- ---------- ---------- -ESEEAAKSS SSSQAGAVQG STAKAVDS*S  97
PEASSII 110 SDSIPGLEGN GVSYESSEKS LSR------- ---------- ------DS*P QKGSSSSGSA 146
POTSSII 117 S----SL*NA KGTYDGGSGS LSDVDIPDVD KDYNVTVPST A*TGITDVDK NTPPAISHDF 172

WSSIIA  172 VASPPTSIAE VVAPDSAATI SISDKAPESV VPAEKPPPSS GSNFVVSASA PRLDIDSDVE 231
WSSIIB  171 ********** *A***P**** ********** *****A**** *****P**** *GS*TV**** 230
WSSIID  203 ---------- ---------- ---------- -****T**** ****ES**** *GS*TV**** 231
ZSSIIA  134 **A*****VK FP**GYRMIL PSG*I***T* L**P**--LH E*PA*DGD*N --GIAPPT** 188
ZSSIIB   99 PPN*L**APK QSQSAAMQNG TSGGSSASTA A*VSG*KADH P*AP*TKREI DASAVKPEPA 158
PEASSII 147 *ETKR--WHC FQQ-----LC RSKETETWA* SSVGINQGFD EIEKKND*VK ASSKLHFNEQ 199
POTSSII 173 *E*KREIKRD LADERAPPLS RS*IT*SSQI SSTVSSK--R TL*VPPETPK SSQETLL**N 230
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FIGURE 3B

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                                                                wSSIIp1 Region
WSSIIA   232 PELKKGAVIV EEAPNPKALS PPAAPAVQED LWDFKKYIGF EEPVEAKDDG WAVADDAGSF 291
WSSIIB   231 L********* K********* ********Q* ********** ********** R********* 290
WSSIID   232 Q*******V* ****K***** ********** ********** ********** R********* 291
ZSSIIA   189 *--------- ---------- -----L***A T********* D**D*****S RVG******* 224
ZSSIIB   159 GDDARPVESI ---------- ---------- --------*I A***D**A*- A*P*T**AAS 188
PEASSII  200 IKN*LYERPD TKDIS--SSI R--------- ------TSSL KFENFEGANE PSSKEV*NEA 242
POTSSII  231 SRKSLVD*PG KKIQSYMPSL R--------- ----*ESSAS HVEQRNENLE GSS*EANEET 277

                                                  Region 1                Region 2
WSSIIA.  292 EHHQNHD--S GPLAGENVMN VVVVAAECSP WCKTGGLGDV AGALPKALAK RGHRVMVVVP 349
WSSIIB   291 *******--* ********** ********** ********** ********** ********** 348
WSSIID   292 *******--* ********** ********** ********** ********** ********** 349
ZSSIIA   225 **YGDN*--* ********** *I******** ********* V********R ********** 282
ZSSIIB   189 APYDRE*NEP *****P**** *****S**A* F********* V********R ********I* 248
PEASSII  243 *NFESGGEKP P****T**** IIL*S***A* *S******** **S******R ******I*A* 302
POTSSII  278 *DPV*I*EKP P****T**** IIL**S**A* *S******** *********R ********A* 337
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FIGURE 3C

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WSSIIA	350	RYGDYEEAYD VGVRKYYKAA	GQDMEVNYFH AYIDGVDFVF	IDAPLFRHRQ	EDIYGGSRQE	409
WSSIIB	349	********** **********	********** **********	**********	**********	408
WSSIID	350	********PT* **********	********** **********	*********E	**********	409
ZSSIIA	283	******V**F* **I*******	***L****** *F********	**********	D*********	342
ZSSIIB	249	***E*A**R* L***RR**V*	***S**T*** S*********	VE**P****H	NN****E*LD	308
PEASSII	303	H**N*A**H* I****R**V*	******T*** T******I**	**S*I**NLE	SN****N*LD	362
POTSSII	338	**DN*P*PQ* S****I**VD	***VD*T**Q *LLMDC****	*HSHM***IG	NN****N*VD	397

Region 3

WSSIIA	410	IMKRMILFCK AAVEVPWHVP	CGGVPYGDGN	LVFIANDWHT ALLPVYLKAY	YRDHGLMQYT	469
WSSIIB	409	********** **********	**********	********** **********	**********	468
WSSIID	410	********** **********	**********	********** **********	**********	469
ZSSIIA	343	********** V*********	****C*****	********** **********	**********	402
ZSSIIB	309	*L******** *******YA*	***TV*****	********** **********	***N*****A	368
PEASSII	363	*LR**V**** **********	***IC*****	********** **********	*******N**	422
POTSSII	398	*L***V**** **I*******	****C*****	********** ****A*****	***N*I*N**	457

FIGURE 3D

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WSSIIA   470 RSIMVIHNIA HQGRGPVDEF PFTELPEHYL EHFRLYDPVG GEHANYFAAG LKMADQVVVV 529
WSSIIB   469 ********** ********** ********** ********** ********** ********** 528
WSSIID   470 ********** ********** ********** ********** ********** ********** 529
ZSSIIA   404 **VL****** ********** *YMD****** Q**E****** *****I**** *****R**T* 462
ZSSIIB   369 **VL****** ********D* VNFD*****I D**K***NI* *D*S*V**** **T**R**T* 428
PEASSII  423 **VL****** *******ED* NTVD*SGN** DL*KM***** ***F*I**** **T**RI*T* 482
POTSSII  458 **VL****** ******LED* SYVD**P**M DP*K****** ***F*I**** **T**R**T* 517

                                        Region 4
WSSIIA   530 SPGYLWELKT VEGGWGLHDI IRQNDWKTRG IVNGIDNMEW NPEVDVHLK- SDGYTNFSLG 588
WSSIIB   529 ********** ********** ********** ********** ********** ********- 587
WSSIID   530 ********** ********** ********** ********** *****A***- *********R 588
ZSSIIA   463 *R******** ********** **S****IN* ******HQ** **K*****R- ******Y**E 521
ZSSIIB   429 *N**M***** S********* *N*****LQ* ******MS** **A*****H- **D***YTFE 487
PEASSII  483 *H**A***** S*******N* *NES***F** ****V*TKD* **QF*AY*T- ******YN*K 541
POTSSII  518 *H**S***** SQ******Q* *NE****LQ* ******TK** ***L****PR ****M*Y**D 577
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FIGURE 3E

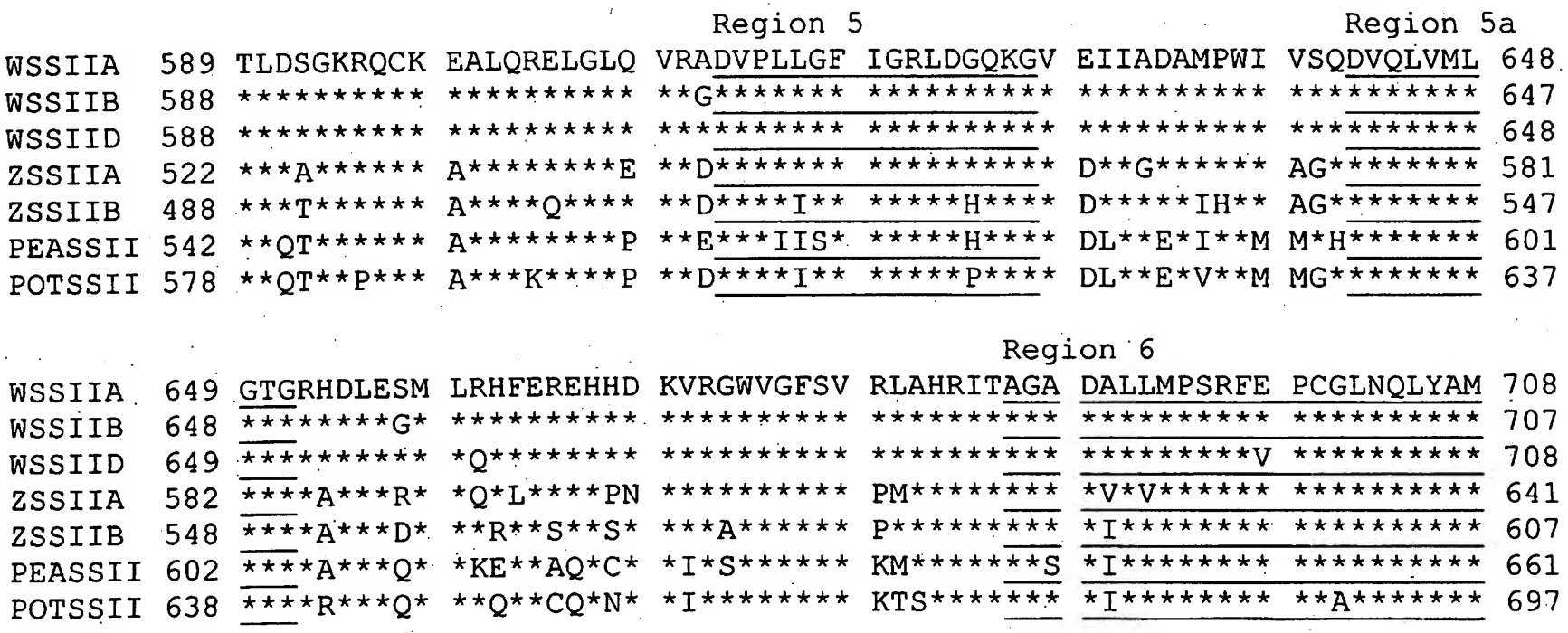
Region 5
Region 5a
WSSIIA 589 TLDSGKRQCK EALQRELGLQ VRADVPLLGF IGRLDGQKGV EIIADAMPWI VSQDVQLVML 648
WSSIIB 588 ********** ********** **G******* ********** ********** ********** 647
WSSIID 588 ********** ********** ********** ********** ********** ********** 648
ZSSIIA 522 ***A****** A********E **D******* ********** D**G****** AG******** 581
ZSSIIB 488 ***T****** A****Q**** **D****I** *****H**** D*****IH** AG******** 547
PEASSII 542 **QT****** A********P **E***IIS* *****H**** DL**E*I**M M*H******* 601
POTSSII 578 **QT**P*** A***K****P **D****I** *****P**** DL**E*V**M MG******* 637
Region 6
WSSIIA 649 GTGRHDLESM LRHFEREHHD KVRGWVGFSV RLAHRITAGA DALLMPSRFE PCGLNQLYAM 708
WSSIIB 648 ********G* ********** ********** ********** ********** ********** 707
WSSIID 649 ********** *Q******** ********** ********** *********V ********** 708
ZSSIIA 582 ****A***R* *Q*L****PN ********** PM******** *V*V****** ********** 641
ZSSIIB 548 ****A***D* **R**S**S* ***A****** P********* *I******** ********** 607
PEASSII 602 ****A***Q* *KE**AQ*C* *I*S****** KM*******S *I******** ********** 661
POTSSII 638 ****R***Q* **Q**CQ*N* *I******** KTS******** *I******** **A******* 697

FIGURE 3F

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                          Region 7
WSSIIA   709 AYGTVPVVHA VGGVRDTVPP FDPFNHSGLG WTFDRAEAHK LIEALGHCLR TYRDYKESWR 768
WSSIIB   708 ********** ***L****** ********** ********Q* ********** ********** 767
WSSIID   709 ********** ***L****** ********** ********** ********** ****F***** 768
ZSSIIA   642 ********** ***L****A* ****GDA*** ********N* *****R***D ***K*G***K 701
ZSSIIB   608 ********** ***L****A* *****DT*** ********NR M*D**S***T ***N****** 667
PEASSII  662 S********G ***L****Q* *N**DE**V* ********N* *MA**WN**L **K***K**E 721
POTSSII  698 K***I***** ***L****Q* ***LMSQDW* GPS*****SQ **PRIRN**L ***E**K**E 757

WSSIIA   769 GLQERGMSQD FSWEHAAKLY EDVLLKAKYQ W 799
WSSIIB   768 ********** ********** ****V***** * 798
WSSIID   769 ********** ********** ****V***** * 799
ZSSIIA   702 S**A****** L**D***E** ****V***** * 732
ZSSIIB   668 ACRA***AE* L**D***V** ****V***** * 698
PEASSII  722 *I******** L**DN**QQ* *E**VA**** * 752
POTSSII  759 *I*T*C*T** L**DN**QN* *E**IA**** * 788
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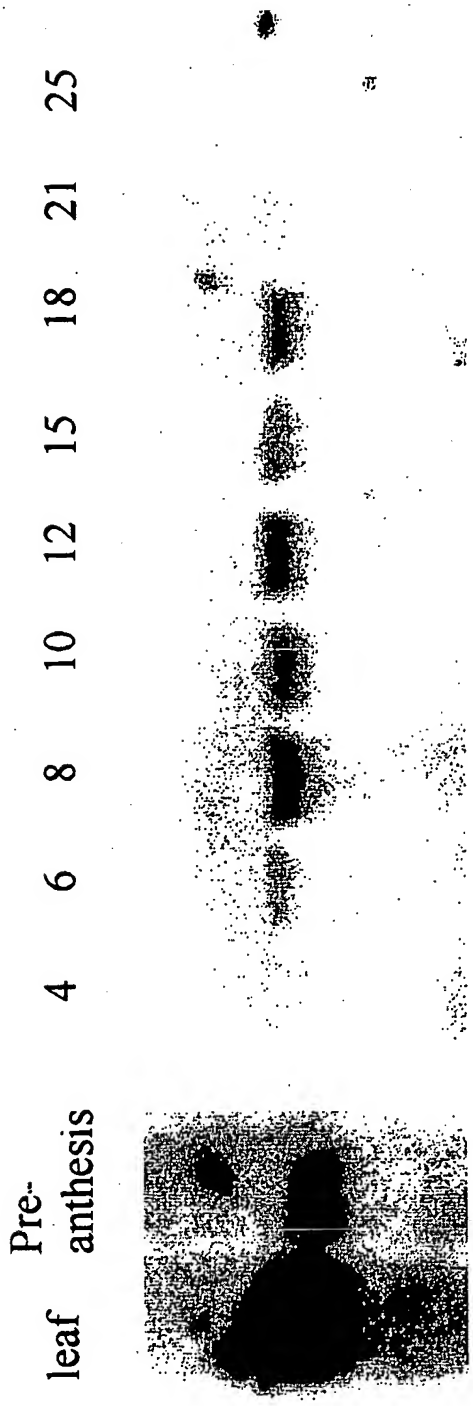
FIGURE 3G



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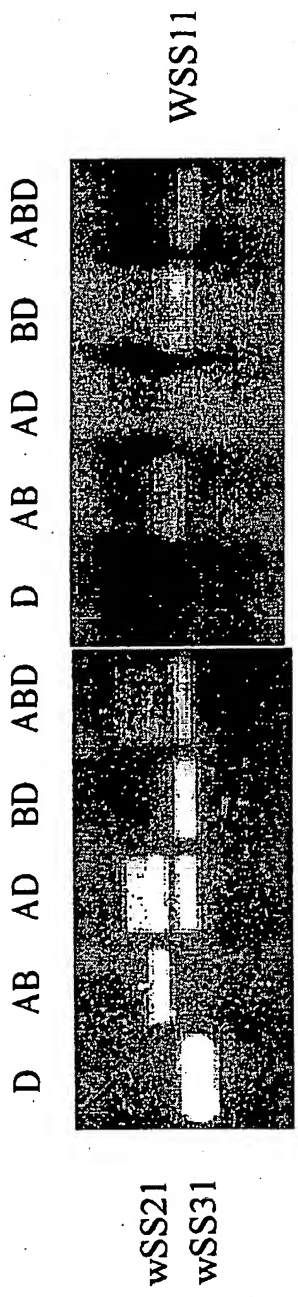

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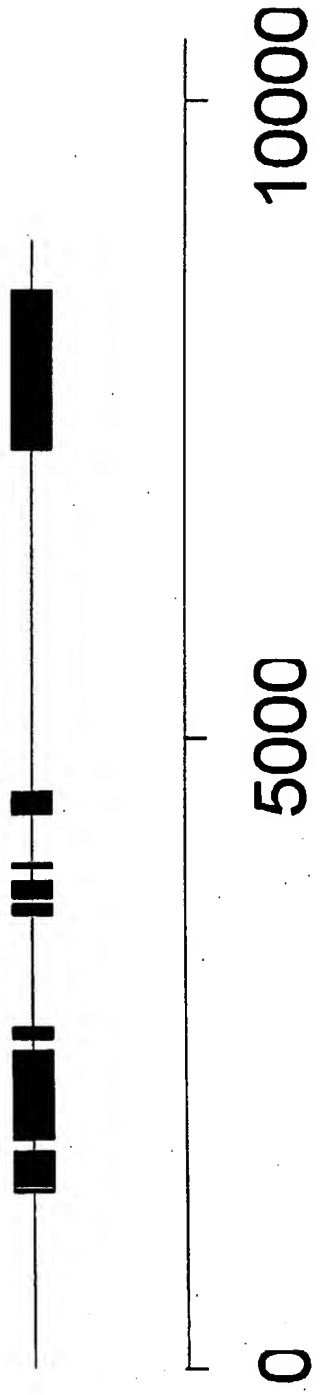

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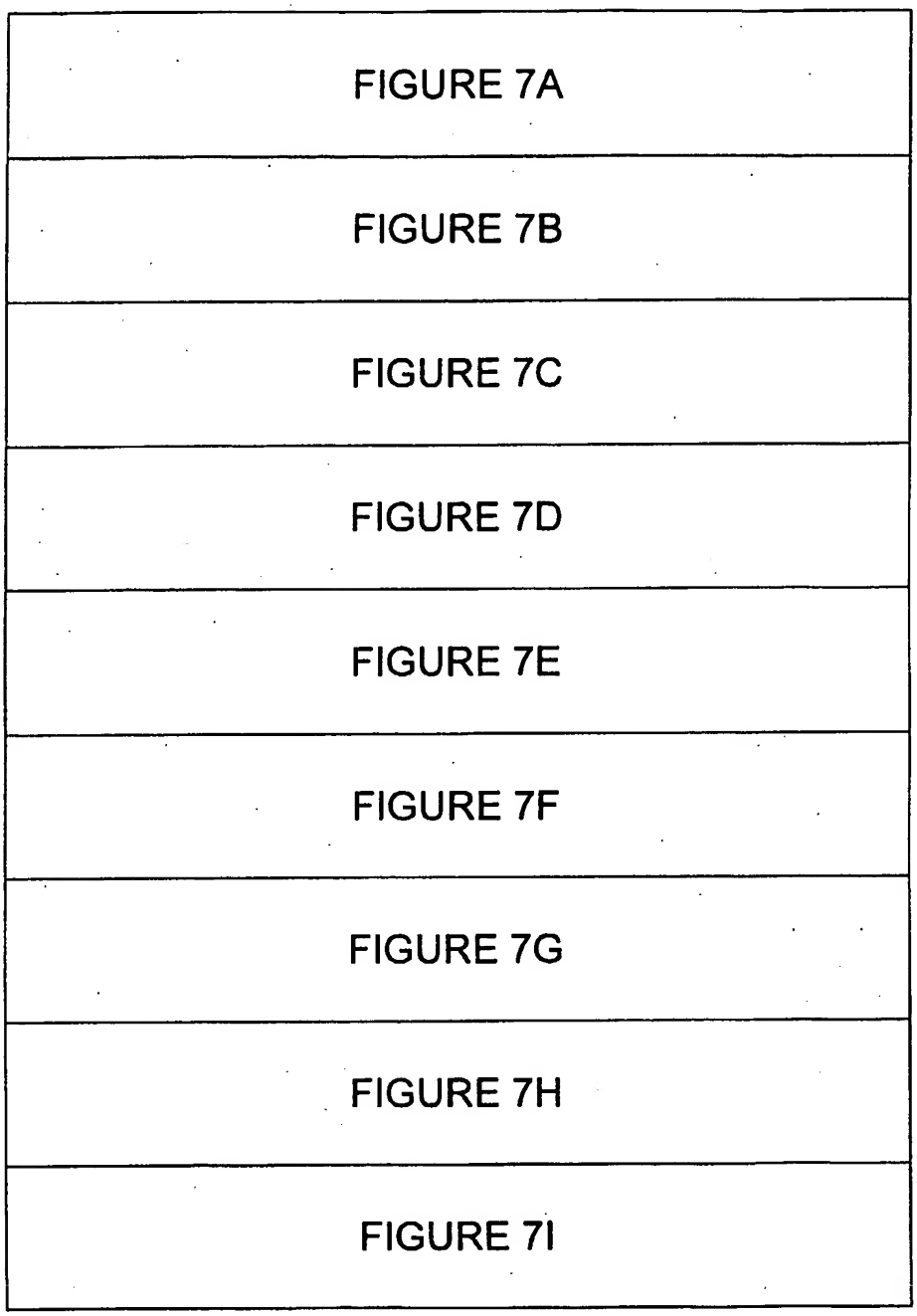
FIGURE 7A
FIGURE 7B
FIGURE 7C
FIGURE 7D
FIGURE 7E
FIGURE 7F
FIGURE 7G
FIGURE 7H
FIGURE 7I

FIGURE 7

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          1                                                    50
wSSIII    MEMSLWPRSP LCPRSRQPLV VVRP..AGRG GLTQPFLMNG RFTRSRTLRC
mSSIII    MEMVLRSQSP LCLRS.GPVL IFRPTVAGGG GGTQSLLRTT RFARRRVIRC
pSSIII    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~

          51                                                  100
wSSIII    MVASSDPPNR KSRRMVPPQV KVISSRGYTT RLIVEPSNEN TEHNNRD...
mSSIII    VVASPGCPNR KS.RTASPNV KVAAYSNYAP RLLVESSSKK SEHHDSSRHR
pSSIII    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~

          101                                                 150
wSSIII    EETLDTYNAL LSTETAEWTD NREAE..... ..TAKADSSQ NALSSSIIGE
mSSIII    EETIDTYNGL SGSDAAELTS NRDVEIEVDL QHISEEELPG KVSINASLGE
pSSIII    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~

          151                                                 200
wSSIII    VDVAD..... EDILAADLTV YSLSSVMKKE VDAADKARVK EDAFELDLPA
mSSIII    METVDEAEVE EDKFEVDTSG IVLRNVAVRE VDPKDEHNAK .DVFVVDSSG
pSSIII    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
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FIGURE 7A

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          201                                                  250
wSSIII    TTLRSVIVDV MDHNGTVQET LRSVIVDVMD .HNGTVQE.. TLRSVIVDVM
mSSIII    TAPDNAAVEE VVDEAEVEED MVDVDILGLD LNNATIEEID LMEEALLENF
pSSIII    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~

          251                                                  300
wSSIII    D.DAADKARV EEDVFELDLS GNISSSAT.. .......... ......TVEL
mSSIII    DVDSPGNASS GRTYGGVDEL GELPSTSVDC IAINGKRRSL KPKPLPIVRF
pSSIII    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~

          301                                                  350
wSSIII    DAVDEVGPVQ DKFEATSSGN VSNSATVREV DASDE...AG NDQGIFRADL
mSSIII    QEQEQIVLSI VDEEGLIASS CEEGQPVVDY DKQEENSTAF DEQKQLTDDF
pSSIII    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~

          351                                                  400
wSSIII    SGNVFSSSTT VEVG..AVDE AGSIKDRFET DSSGNVSTSA PMWDAIDETV
mSSIII    PEEGISIVHF PEPNNDIVGS SKFLEQKQEL DGSYKQDRST TGLHEQDQSV
pSSIII    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~
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FIGURE 7B

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          401                                                   450
wSSIII    ADQDTFEADL SGNASSCATY REVDDVVDET RSEEETFAMD LFASESGHEK
mSSIII    VSSHGQDKSI VG.VPQQIQY NDQSIAGSHR QDQSIAGAPE QIQSVAGYIK
pSSIII    ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~~~~~~ ~~~~~MDVPF

          451                                                   500
wSSIII    HMAVDYVGEA TDEEETYQQQ YPVPSSFSMW DKAIAKTGVS LNPELRLVRV
mSSIII    PNQ.SIVGSC KQHELIIPEP KKIESIISYN EIDQSIVGSH KQDKSVVSVP
pSSIII    PLHRSLSCTS VSNAITHLKI KPILGFVSHG TTSLSVQSSS WRKDGMVTGV

          501                                                   550
wSSIII    EEQGKVNFSD KKDLSIDDLP GQNQSIIGSY KQDKSIADVA GPTQSIFGSS
mSSIII    EQIQSIVSHS KPNQSTVDSY RQAESIIGVP EKVQSITSYD KLDQSIVGSL
pSSIII    SFSICANFSG RRRRKVSTPR SQGSSPKGFV PRKPSGMSTQ RKVQKSNGDK

          551                                                   600
wSSIII    KQHRSIVAFP KQNQSIVSVT EQKQSIVGFR SQDLSAVSL. .........P
mSSIII    KQDEPIISVP EKIQSIVHYT KPNQSIVGLP KQQQSIVHIV EPKQSIDGFP
pSSIII    ESKSTSTSKE SEISNQKTVE ARVETSDDDT KGVVRDHKFL EDEDEINGST
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FIGURE 7C

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          601                                                   650
wSSIII    KQ.NVPIVGT SREGQTKQVP VVDRQDALYV NGLEAKEGDH TSEKTDEDAL
mSSIII    KQ.DLSIVGI SNEFQTKQLA TVGTHDGLLM KGVEAKE... TSQKTEGDTL
pSSIII    KSISMSPVRV SSQFVESEET GGDDKDAVKL N..KSKRSEE SGFIIDSVIR

          651                                                   700
wSSIII    HVKFNVDNVL RKHQADRTQA VEKKTWKKVD EEHLYMTEHQ KRAA..EGQM
mSSIII    QATFNVDNLS QKQEGLTKEA DEITIIEKIN DEDLVMIEEQ KSIAMNEEQT
pSSIII    EQSGSQGETN ASSKGSHAVG TKLYEILQVD VEPQQLKEN. .NAGNVEYKG

          701                                                   750
wSSIII    VVNEDELSIT EIGMGRGD.K IQHVLSEEEL SWSEDEVQLI EDDGQYEVDE
mSSIII    IVTEEDIPMA KVEIGIDKAK FLHLLSEEES SWDENEVGII EADEQYEVDE
pSSIII    PVASKLLEIT KA......SD VEHTESNEID DLDTN..SFF KSDLIEEDEP

          751                                                   800
wSSIII    TSVSVNVEQD IQGSPQDVVD PQALKVMLQE LAEKNYSMRN KLFVFPEVVK
mSSIII    TSMS..TEQD IQESPNDDLD PQALWSMLQE LAEKNYSLGN KLFTYPDVLK
pSSIII    LAAGTVETGD SSLNLRLEME ANLRRQAIER LAEENLLQGI RLFCFPEVVK
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FIGURE 7D

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        801                                                       850
wSSIII  ADSVIDLYLN RDLTALANEP DVVIKGAFNG WKWRLFTERL HKSDLGGVWW
mSSIII  ADSTIDLYFN RDLSAVANEP DVLIKGAFNG WKWRFFTEKL HKSELAGDWW
pSSIII  PDEDVEIFLN RGLSTLKNES DVLIMGAFNE WRYRSFTTRL TETHLNGDWW

        851                                                       900
wSSIII  SCKLYIPKEA YRLDFVFFNG RTVYENNGNN DFCIGIEGTM NEDLFEDFLV
mSSIII  CCKLYIPKQA YRMDFVFFNG HTVYENNNNN DFVIQIESTM DENLFEDFLA
pSSIII  SCKIHVPKEA YRADFVFFNG QDVYDNNDGN DFSITVKGGM QIIDFENFLL

        901                                                       950
wSSIII  KEKQRELEKL AMEEAERRTQ TEEQRRRKEA RAADEAVRAQ AKAEIEIKKK
mSSIII  EEKQRELENL ANEEAERRRQ TDEQRRMEEE RAADKADRVQ AKVEVETKKN
pSSIII  EEKWREQEKL AKEQAERERL AEEQRRIEAE KAEIEADRAQ AKEEAAKKKK

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mSSIII  KLCNVLGLAR APVDNLWYIE PITTGQEATV RLYYNINSRP LVHSTEIWMH
pSSIII  VLRELMVKAT KTRDITWYIE PSEFKCEDKV RLYYNKSSGP LSHAKDLWIH
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FIGURE 7E

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wSSIII    GGYNNWTDGL SIVESFVKCN DKDGDWWYAD VIPPEKALVL DWVFADGPAG
mSSIII    GGYNNWIDGL SFAERLVHHH DKDCDWWFAD VVVPERTYVL DWVFADGPPG
pSSIII    GGYNNWKDGL SIVKKLVKSE RIDGDWWYTE VVIPDQALFL DWVFADGPPK

          1051                                                1100
wSSIII    NARNYDNNAR QDFHAILPNN NVTEEGFWAQ EEQNIYTRLL QERREKEETM
mSSIII    SARNYDNNGG HDFHATLP.N NMTEEEYWME EEQRIYTRLQ QERREREEAI
pSSIII    HAIAYDNNHR QDFHAIVP.N HIPEELYWVE EEHQIFKTLQ EERRLREAAM

          1101                                                1150
wSSIII    KRKAERSANI KAEMKAKTMR RFLLSQKHIV YTEPLEIRAG TTVDVLYNPS
mSSIII    KRKAERNAKM KAEMKEKTMR MFLVSQKHIV YTEPLEIHAG TTIDVLYNPS
pSSIII    RAKVEKTALL KTETKERTMK SFLLSQKHVV YTEPLDIQAG SSVTVYYNPA

          1151                                                1200
wSSIII    NTVLNGKSEG WFRCSFNLWM HSSGALPPQK MVKSGDGPLL KATVDVPPDA
mSSIII    NTVLTGKPEV WFRCSFNRWM YPGGVLPPQK MVQAENGSHL KATVYVPRDA
pSSIII    NTVLNGKPEI WFRCSFNRWT HRLGPLPPQK MSPAENGTHV RATVKVPLDA
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FIGURE 7F

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        1201                                                    1250
wSSIII  YMMDFVFSEW EEDGIYDNRN GMDYHIPVSD SIETENYMRI IHIAVEMAPV
mSSIII  YMMDFVFSES EEGGIYDNRN GLDYHIPVFG SIAKEPPMHI VHIAVEMAPI
pSSIII  YMMDFVFSER EDGGIFDNKS GMDYHIPVFG GVAKEPPMHI VHIAVEMAPI

        1251                                                    1300
wSSIII  AKVGGLGDVV TSLSRAIQDL GHTVEVILPK YDCLNQSSVK DLHLYQSFSW
mSSIII  AKVGGLGDVV TSLSRAVQDL GHNVEVILPK YGCLNLSNVK NLQIHQSFSW
pSSIII  AKVGGLGDVV TSLSRAVQDL NHNVDIILPK YDCLKMNNVK DFRFHKNYFW

        1301                                                    1350
wSSIII  GGTEIKVWVG RVEDLTVYFL EPQNGMFGVG CVYG.RNDDR RFGFFCHSAL
mSSIII  GGSEINVWRG LVEGLCVYFL EPQNGMFGVG YVYG.RDDDR RFGFFCRSAL
pSSIII  GGTEIKVWFG KVEGLSVYFL EPQNGLFSKG CVYGCSNDGE RFGFFCHAAL

        1351                                                    1400
wSSIII  EFILQNEFSP HIIHCHDWSS APVAWLYKEH YSQSRMASTR VVFTIHNLEF
mSSIII  EFLLQSGSSP NIIHCHDWSS APVAWLHKEN YAKSSLANAR VVFTIHNLEF
pSSIII  EFLLQGGFSP DIIHCHDWSS APVAWLFKEQ YTHYGLSKSR IVFTIHNLEF
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FIGURE 7G

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        1401                                                    1450
wSSIII  GAHYIGKAMT YCDKATTVSP TYSRDVAGHG AIAPHREKFY GILNGIDPDI
mSSIII  GAHHIGKAMR YCDKATTVSN TYSKEVSGHG AIVPHLGKFY GILNGIDPDI
pSSIII  GADLIGRAMT NADKATTVSP TYSQEVSGNP VIAPHLHKFH GIVNGIDPDI

        1451                                                    1500
wSSIII  WDPYTDNFIP VPYTCENVVE GKRAAKRALQ QKFGLQQTDV PIVGIITRLT
mSSIII  WDPYNDNFIP VHYTCENVVE GKRAAKRALQ QKFGLQQIDV PVVGIVTRLT
pSSIII  WDPLNDKFIP IPYTSENVVE GKTAAKEALQ RKLGLKQADL PLVGIITRLT

        1501                                                    1550
wSSIII  AQKGIHLIKH AIHRTLESNG HVVLLGSAPD HRIQGDFCRL ADALHGVYHG
mSSIII  AQKGIHLIKH AIHRTLERNG QVVLLGSAPD SRIQADFVNL ANTLHGVNHG
pSSIII  HQKGIHLIKH AIWRTLERNG QVVLLGSAPD PRVQNNFVNL ANQLHSKYND

        1551                                                    1600
wSSIII  RVKLVLTYDE PLSHLIYAGS DFIIVPSIFE PCGLTQLVAM RYGSIPIVRK
mSSIII  QVRLSLTYDE PLSHLIYAGS DFILVPSIFE PCGLTQLVAM RYGTIPIVRK
pSSIII  RARLCLTYDE PLSHLIYAGA DFILVPSIFE PCGLTQLTAM RYGSIPVVRK
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FIGURE 7H

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        1601                                                    1650
wSSIII  TGGLHDTVFD VDNDKDRARS LGLEPNGFSF DGADSNGVDY ALNRAIGAWF
mSSIII  TGGLFDTVFD VDNDKERARD RGLEPNGFSF DGADSNGVDY ALNRAISAWF
pSSIII  TGGLYDTVFD VDHDKERAQQ CGLEPNGFSF DGADAGGVDY ALNRALSAWY

        1651                                        1689
wSSIII  DARDWFHSLC KRVMEQDWSW NRPALDYIEL YHAARKF*~
mSSIII  DARSWFHSLC KRVMEQDWSW NRPALDYIEL YRSASKL~~
pSSIII  DGRDWFNSLC KQVMEQDWSW NRPALDYLEL YHAARKLE*
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FIGURE 7I

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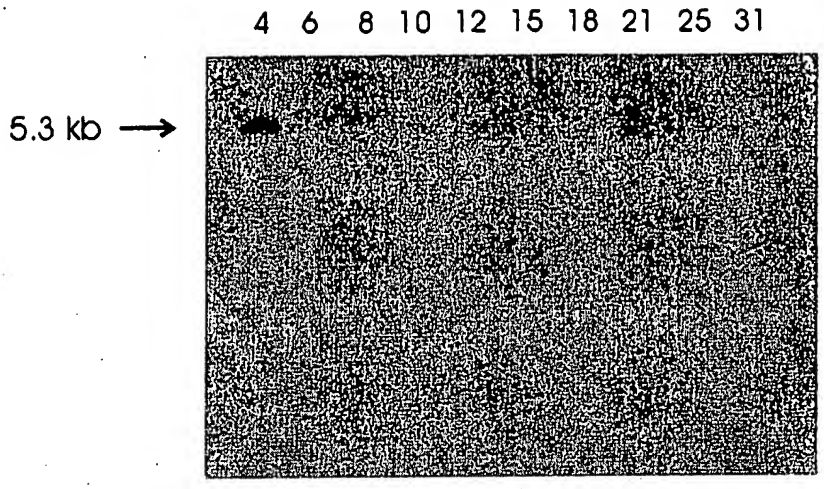

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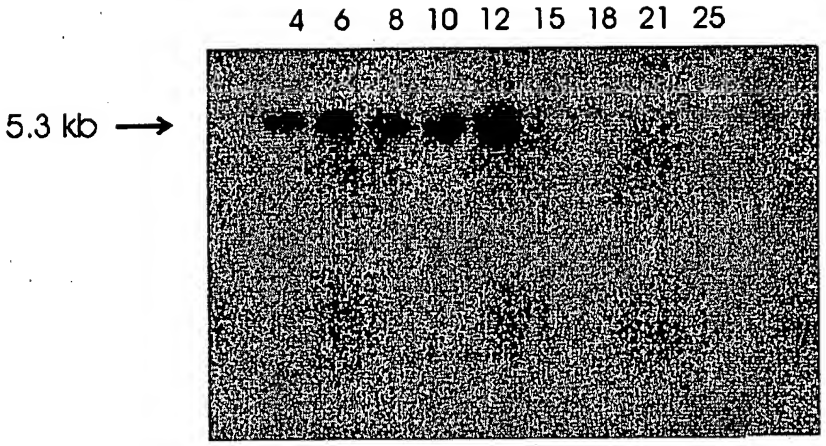

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FIGURE 8

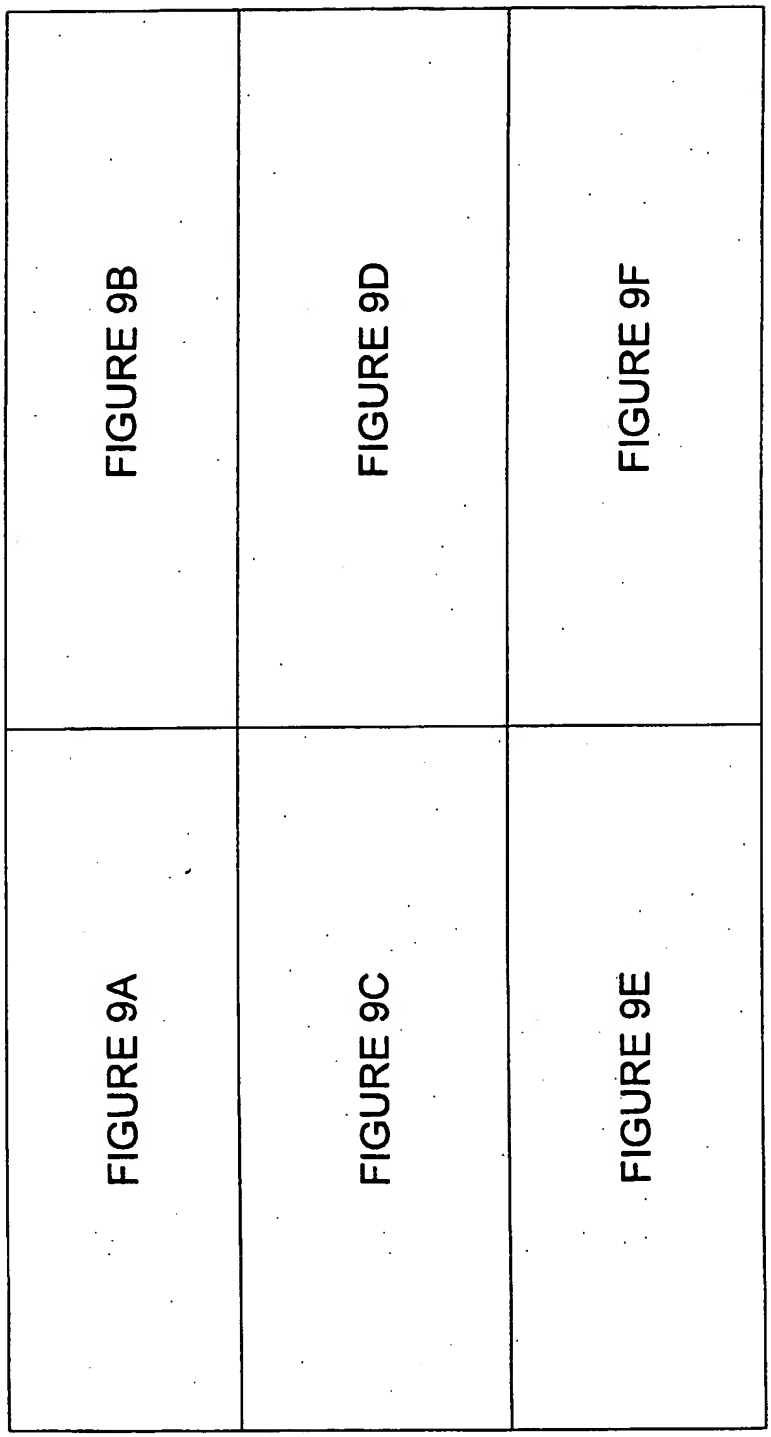

FIGURE 9

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                        Region 1                   Regior. 2
                 10          20          30          40          50
wGBSS    81 FVGAEMAPWS KTGGLGDLLG GLPPAMAANG HRVMVISPRY DQYKDAWDT-
wSS1    144 -*TG*A**YA *S*****VC* S**I*L**R* *****VM*** LNGSSDKNYA
wSS2    314 --A**CS**C *******VA* A**K*L*KR* *****VV*** GD*EE*Y*V-
wSS3   1187 -IAV****VA *V*****VVT S*SR*IQDL* *T*E**L*K* *CLNQSSVK-

                100         110         120         130         140
wGBSS   171 LEKVRGKTKE KIYGPDAGTD YEDNQQRFSL LCQAALEVPR ILNLDNNPYF
wSS1    234 -HRPGSLYGD ------NFGA FG***F*YT* **Y**C*A*L **E*GGYI*G
wSS2    404 RHRQEDIYGG ---------S RQEIMK*MI* F*K**V***W HVPCGGV**G
wSS3   1277 **PQN*MFGV ------GCVY GRNDDR**GF F*HS***--F **QNEFS*H-

                190         200         210         220         230
wGBSS   261 FCIHNISYQG RFSFDDFAQL NLPD-----R FKSSFDFIDG YDKPVEGRKI
wSS1    324 LV***LAH** LEPASTYPD* G**PEWYGAL EWVFPEWARR HALDKGEAVN
wSS2    494 MV****AH** *GPV*E*PFT E**------- -EHYLEHFRL **PVGGEHAN
wSS3   1367 *T***L-EF* AHYIGKAMTY CDK------- ---------- ---------
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FIGURE 9A

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    60          70          80          90
-----SVVSE IKVVDKYERV RYFHCYKRGV DRVFVDHPCF   170
KALYTGKHIK *PCFGGSHE* TF**E*RDN* *W******SY   233
-----G*RKY Y*AAGQDME* N***A*ID** *F**I*A*L*   403
---------- -DLHLYQSFS WGGTEI*VW* G**EDLTVY*  1276

                Region 3
  150         160         170         180
SGPYGEDVVF VCNDWHTGLL ACYLKSNYQS NGIYRAAKVA   260
QN-----CM* *V****AS*V PVL*AAK*RP Y*V**DSRST   323
D*----NL** IA*****A** PV***AY*RD H*LMQYTRSI   493
--------II H*H**SSAPV *WLY*EH*SQ -SRMASTR*V  1366

  240         250         260         270
NWMKAGILQA DKVLTVSPYY AEELISGEAR GCELDNIMRL   350
FLKG*VVTAD RI*TVSQG*S W*VTTAEGGQ *LNELLSS*K   413
YFAAGLKMAD QV*VVSPG*L W*LKTVEGGW *LHDIIRQND   583
---------- ---------AT TVSPTYSRDV AGHGAIAPHR  1456
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FIGURE 9B

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                        Region 4
                   280        290         300         310         320
wGBSS   351  TGITTIVNGM DVSEWDPTKD KFLAVNYDIT TALEGKALNK EALEGKALNK
wSS1    414  SVLNG****I *IND*N**T* *C*PHH*SV- ---------- DD*S***KC*
wSS2    584  WKTRG****I *NM**N*EV* VH*KSDGYTN ------FSLG TLDS**RQC*
wSS3   1457  EKFYG*L**I *PDI***YT* N*IP*P*TCE ----NVVEG* **AKRALQQ*

                       Region 5a
                   370        380         390         400         410
wGBSS   441  LKEEDVQIVL LGTGKKKFER LLKSIEEKFP SKVRAVVRFN ------APLA
wSS1    504  *MR****F*M **S*DPI**G WMR*T*SSYK D*F*GW*G*S ------V*VS
wSS2    674  V-SQ***L*M ****RHDL*S M*RHF*REHH D***GW*G*S ------VR**
wSS3   1547  TL*SNG*V** **SAPDHRIQ GDFCRLADAL HG*YHGRVKL -VLTYDE**S
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FIGURE 9C

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                    Region 5
   330       340       350       360       
EALQAEVGLP VDRKVPLVAF IGRLEEQKGP DVMIASIPEI  440
AE**K*L*** *RED***IG* ****DY***I *LIKMA****-  503
****R*L**Q *RAD***LG* ****DG***V EIIADAM*W*  673
FG**QT---- ---D**I*GI *T**TA***I -HL*KHAIHR 1546

                                    Region 7
   Region 6
   420       430       440       450       
HQMMAGADVL AVTSRFEPCG LIQLQGMRYG TPCACASTGG  530
*RIT**C*I* LMP******** *N**YA*Q** *VPVVHG***  593
*RIT*****A* LMP******** *N**YA*A** *VPVVHAV**  763
*LIY**S*FI I*P*I***** *T**VA**** SIPIVRK***  1636
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FIGURE 9D

Region 7 (Continued)

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          460        470        480        490        500

wGBSS 531 LVDTIVEGKT GFHMGRLSYD CNVVEPADVK KVVTTLKRAV KVVGTPAYHE
wSS1  594 *R**-**TFN ---------- --PFGAKGEE GTGWAFSPLT VDKMLW*LRT
wSS2  764 VR**-*PPFD ---------- --PFNHSGLG ---W*FD**E AHKLIE*LGH
wSS3 1637 ****-*FDVD NDKDRAR*LG LEPNGFSFDG ADSNGVDY*L NRAIGAWFDA

550        560        570        580        590        600
wGBSS 621 APLAMENVAA P*........ .......... .......... ..........
wSS1  684 FVDQPYVM.. .......... .......... .......... ..........
wSS2  854 KYQW...... .......... .......... .......... ..........
wSS3 1727 .......... .......... .......... .......... ..........
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FIGURE 9E

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    510        520        530        540

MVKNCMIQDL SWKGPAKNWE DVLLELGVEG SEPGIVGEEI   620
AMSTFREHKP **E*LM*RGM TKDHTWDHAA EQYEQIF*WA   683
CLRTYRDYKE **R*LQERGM SQDFSWEHAA KLYED*LLKA   853
RDWFHSLCKK VMEQDWSWNR PA*DYIELYH AARKF*....  1726

   610        620        630
.......... .......... .......... ..........   710
.......... .......... .......... ..........   773
.......... .......... .......... ..........   943
.......... .......... .......... ..........  1816
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FIGURE 9F

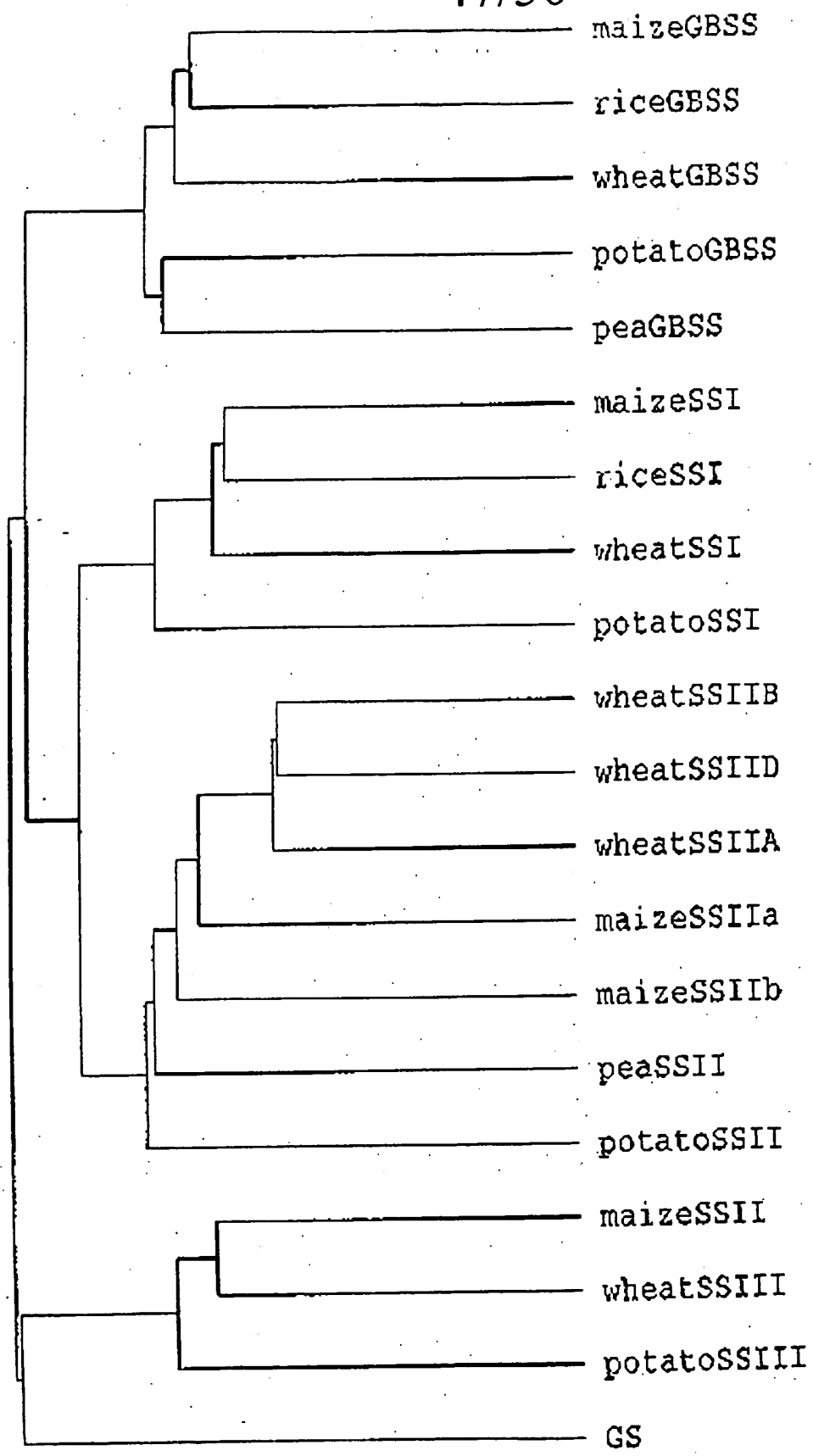
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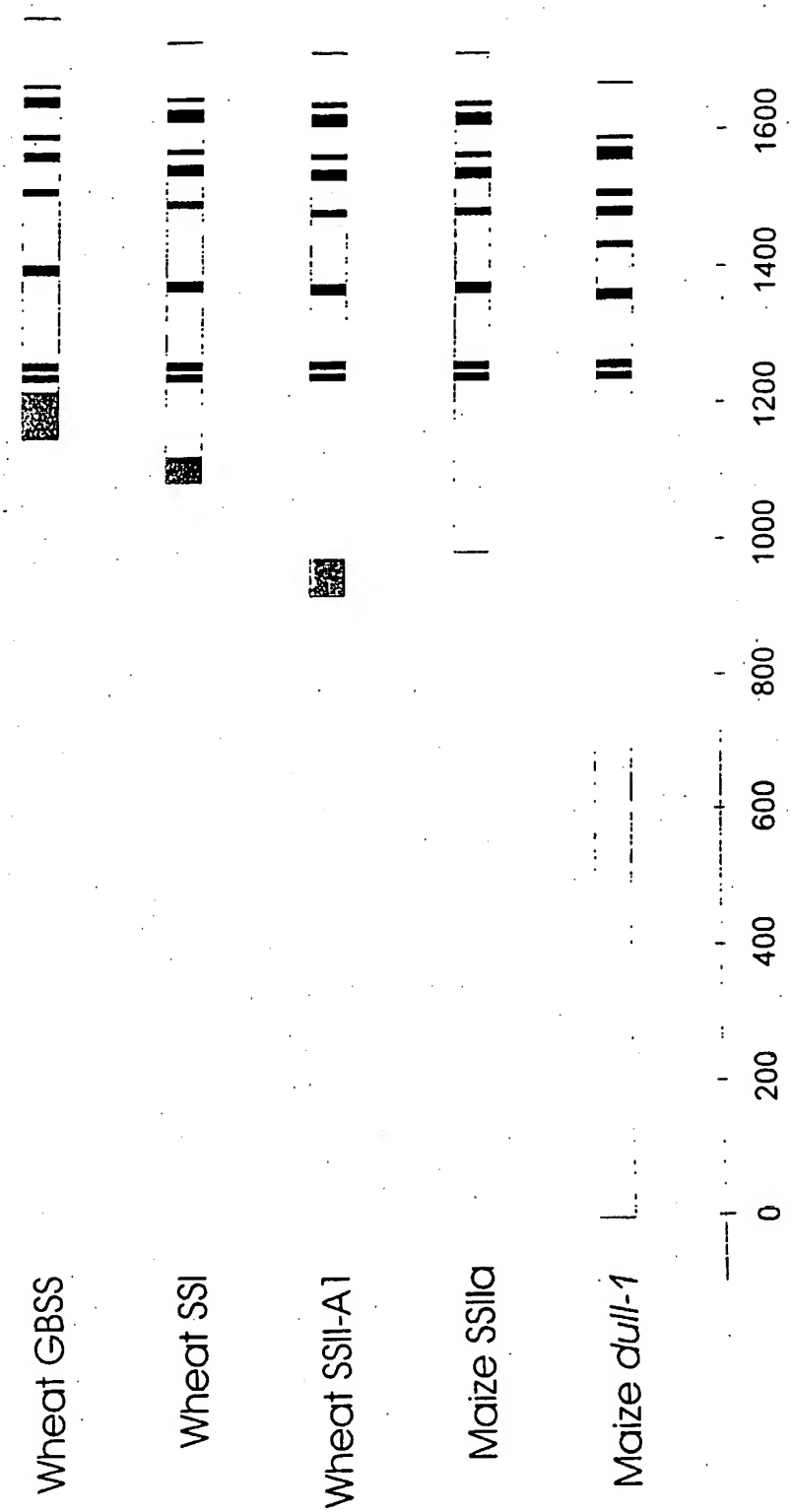
FIGURE 10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Wheat SSI
Wheat SSII-A1
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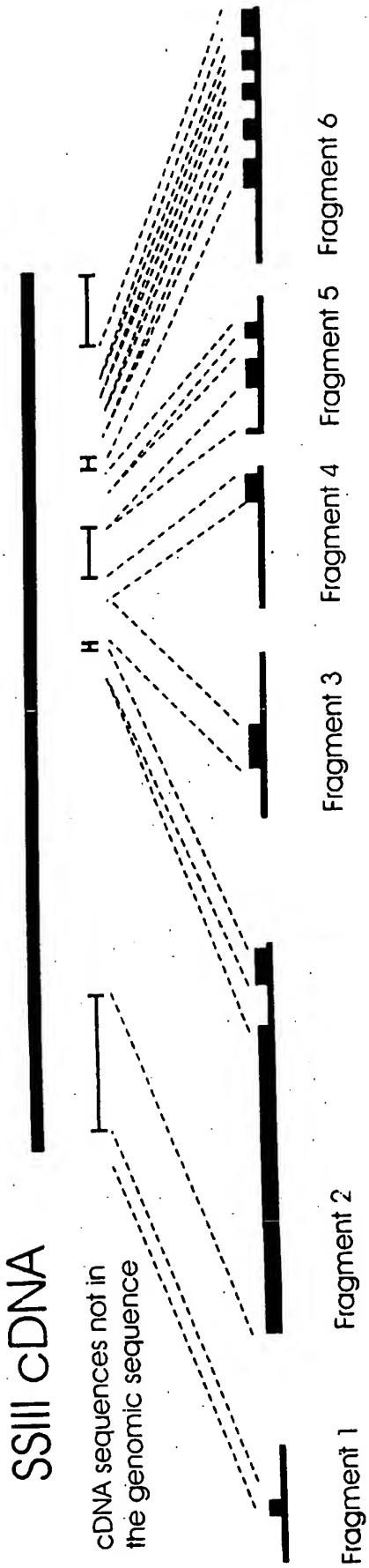
800
1000
1200
1400
1600

FIGURE 11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cDNA sequences not in the genomic sequence
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H
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Fragment 2
Fragment 3
Fragment 4
Fragment 5
Fragment 6

FIGURE 12

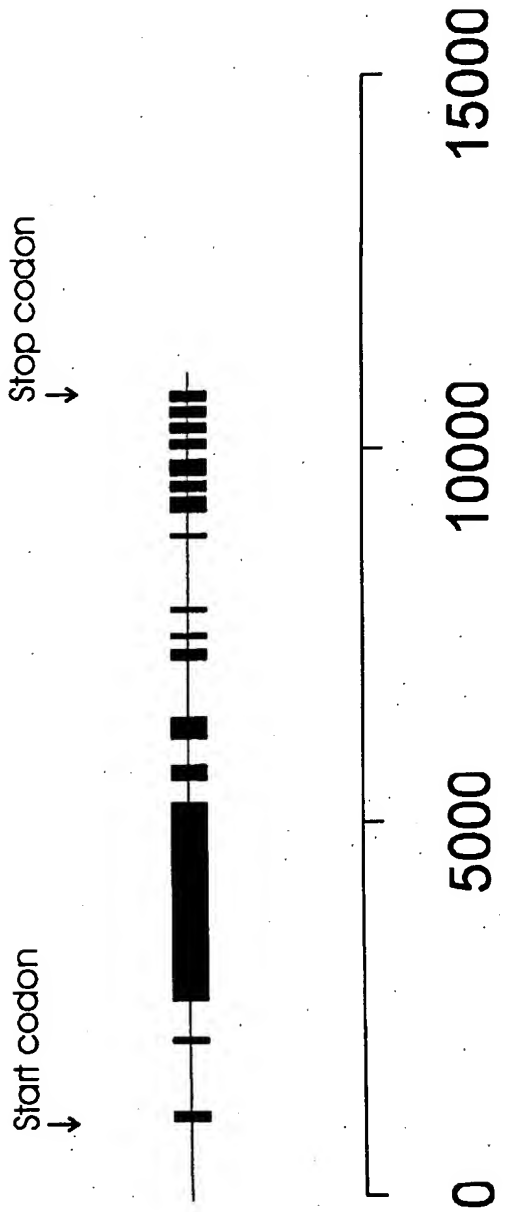

FIGURE 13

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Arg Gln Glu Asp Ala Arg Leu Pro Ser Met Asn Gly Met Pro Val Asn
    115                 120                 125

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Gly Glu Asn Lys Ser Thr Gly Gly Gly Gly Ala Thr Lys Asp Ser Gly
130                 135                 140                 145

ctg ccc gca ccc gca cgc gcg ccc cag ccg tcg agc cag aac aga gta   658
Leu Pro Ala Pro Ala Arg Ala Pro Gln Pro Ser Ser Gln Asn Arg Val
                150                 155                 160

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Pro Val Asn Gly Glu Asn Lys Ala Asn Val Ala Ser Pro Pro Thr Ser
            165                 170                 175

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Ile Ala Glu Val Ala Ala Pro Asp Pro Ala Ala Thr Ile Ser Ile Ser
        180                 185                 190

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Asp Lys Ala Pro Glu Ser Val Val Pro Ala Glu Lys Ala Pro Pro Ser
    195                 200                 205

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Ser Gly Ser Asn Phe Val Pro Ser Ala Ser Ala Pro Gly Ser Asp Thr
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Val Ser Asp Val Glu Leu Glu Leu Lys Lys Gly Ala Val Ile Val Lys
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Glu Ala Pro Asn Pro Lys Ala Leu Ser Pro Pro Ala Ala Pro Ala Val
            245                 250                 255

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Gln Gln Asp Leu Trp Asp Phe Lys Lys Tyr Ile Gly Phe Glu Glu Pro
        260                 265                 270

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Val Glu Ala Lys Asp Asp Gly Arg Ala Val Ala Asp Asp Ala Gly Ser
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Phe Glu His His Gln Asn His Asp Ser Gly Pro Leu Ala Gly Glu Asn
290                 295                 300                 305

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Val Met Asn Val Val Val Val Ala Ala Glu Cys Ser Pro Trp Cys Lys
                310                 315                 320

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Thr Gly Gly Leu Gly Asp Val Ala Gly Ala Leu Pro Lys Ala Leu Ala
            325                 330                 335

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Lys Arg Gly His Arg Val Met Val Val Val Pro Arg Tyr Gly Asp Tyr
        340                 345                 350

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Glu Glu Ala Tyr Asp Val Gly Val Arg Lys Tyr Tyr Lys Ala Ala Gly
    355                 360                 365
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Phe Val Phe Ile Asp Ala Pro Leu Phe Arg His Arg Gln Glu Asp Ile
                390                 395                 400

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Tyr Gly Gly Ser Arg Gln Glu Ile Met Lys Arg Met Ile Leu Phe Cys
            405                 410                 415

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Lys Ala Ala Val Glu Val Pro Trp His Val Pro Cys Gly Gly Val Pro
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Gln Tyr Thr Arg Ser Ile Met Val Ile His Asn Ile Ala His Gln Gly
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Arg Gly Pro Val Asp Glu Phe Pro Phe Thr Glu Leu Pro Glu His Tyr
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His Asp Ile Ile Arg Gln Asn Asp Trp Lys Thr Arg Gly Ile Val Asn
                550                 555                 560

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Gly Ile Asp Asn Met Glu Trp Asn Pro Glu Val Asp Val His Leu Lys
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Ser Asp Gly Tyr Thr Asn Phe Ser Leu Gly Thr Leu Asp Ser Gly Lys
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Arg Gln Cys Lys Glu Ala Leu Gln Arg Glu Leu Gly Leu Gln Val Arg
    595                 600                 605

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610                 615                 620                 625
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Val Gln Leu Val Met Leu Gly Thr Gly Arg His Asp Leu Glu Gly Met
            645                 650                 655

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Leu Arg His Phe Glu Arg Glu His His Asp Lys Val Arg Gly Trp Val
        660                 665                 670

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Gly Phe Ser Val Arg Leu Ala His Arg Ile Thr Ala Gly Ala Asp Ala
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